Killings – 1915

# DEPUTY KILLED BY NEGRO WHO ALSO IS KILLED

## Flashes From Gunfire Set Fire To Negro's House, Incinerating Him

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## OFFICER A POPULAR MAN

SELMA, ALA., Jan. 26—George F. McNeill, Chief Deputy under Sheriff James P. Doherty, was killed here tonight by Jim Fowler, a negro, wanted for assault to murder. As he fell to the floor, McNeill drew his revolver and shot Fowler, killing him instantly.

McNeill was brought here from Camden, Wilcox County, last week when Sheriff Doherty assumed office, and leaves a wife and four children.

McNeill and Deputy A. L. Alston went to the house where Fowler lived to arrest Fowler. Fowler stepped from a room with a shot gun and covered the deputies. The gun was knocked from his hand and he was placed under arrest. Thinking everything safe, Deputy Alston left the room and immediately Fowler whipped a revolver from his pocket and commenced firing. Alston rushed back into the room just in time to see the negro fall from the bullets from McNeill's revolver.

McNeill was placed in an automobile and a race for the city made, but the wounded man died just as the car entered the city.

The flashes from the two guns set fire to the negro's house and it is said the body of Fowler was burned in the house.

McNeill was very popular here.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

# SEVERAL NEGROES REPORTED LYNCHED NEAR MACON, GA.

## Mob Is Bent on Avenging Murder of Silas Turner, Prominent Farmer

Advertiser 7-5-15

## THREE ESCAPE DEATH

MACON, GA., July 5.—Several negroes are reported to have been hanged by a mob in Jones County, Georgia, tonight for the murder of Silas Turner, a young farmer. Three negroes who escaped the mob, have been brought to this city.

Reports reaching the authorities said that at least three negroes were dead. The trouble occurred at Round Oak and Wayside.

# DESPERATE NEGRO KILLED BY POSSE

Constitution 9/23/15

## Black Who Shot Three Whites Smoked Out of Barricaded Home and Is Killed Near Elberton.

Elberton, Ga., September 22.—(Special.)—After shooting Sheriff Haley and Chief of Police Irvin, a negro desperado named Nelson Statham, was killed near here today after he had been smoked out of a house in which he had barricaded himself.

The negro escaped from officers at Tignall Saturday night after he had shot Conductor Tom Robinson, of the Elberton and Eastern railroad, who was assisting a posse in trying to capture the negro.

Statham was located Wednesday in a house on the Rambert place, about 18 miles from Elberton, and the sheriff and chief organized a posse to capture him. At the approach of the posse the negro barricaded himself and fired with shot guns and pistols at his pursuers.

Policeman C. W. Johnson then set fire to the house. The negro ran from the building and shot both Sheriff Haley and Chief Irvin, but was killed by the return fire of these officers, who had not been seriously wounded.

The negro's body was brought tonight to Elberton.

Robinson is seriously shot, but will live.

### Negro Slayer Caught.

Constitution 9/23/15

Douglas, Ga., August 4.—(Special.)—Traced by Officer Strickland to a farm, where he was pulling fodder, Jim Lamar, wanted for killing another negro at Haddocks, Ga., was captured and jailed yesterday.

# NASHVILLE NEGRO HELD FOR WHIPPING DAUGHTER TO DEATH

Constitution 4-25-15

Nashville, Ga., April 24.—(Special.)—Lewis Ashford, a negro, was convicted before a coroner's jury yesterday afternoon on the charge of whipping his 6-year-old daughter to death. His 5-year-old daughter, also, is not expected to live through today.

He alleged that the girls broke a jug of syrup to get some sugar, and in the act of eating the sugar they accidently swallowed some glass. A physician was summoned who performed an operation so as to see whether or not the tale was true. He failed to find any glass whatever.

Both children were severely bruised about their bodies. Their mother died about two years ago. Soon after their father married again. A short while ago his wife left him, alleging that he would ofttimes whip her.

When Sheriff W. E. Morris went after Ashford and found him the black ran. Morris fired thrice, each time missing Ashford. He was run down shortly afterward and caught in a swamp near the home of L. L. Fender. The black was brought to Nashville and lodged in jail.

## LEMON JOHNSON, SHOT NEAR BERWYN, BREATHES HIS LAST ON OPERATING TABLE—THEATRICAL WORLD BUSY—MARRIAGE NEW BUSINESS ENTERPRISES OPENING—LOCAL INTEREST.

The Dallas Express 9/12/15

Ardmore, Okla., Mr. Fred Jones died Wednesday and was buried Thursday from the M. E. Church, of which he was a member. Funeral preached by pastor, Rev. Davis. Mr. Lemon Johnson, who was shot near Berwyn, several days ago was accompanied to Hugo by his parents where he died on the operating table. Mr. Luke Sattiewhite was called to Stamps, Ark., to bedside of his father who is very sick. Mr. M. P. Primus is visiting his mother in Shreveport, La. Rev. G. W. Dickerson of First Baptist Church baptized Sunday. Mrs. Madie Hill underwent a minor operation by Dr. C. A. Harvey Sparks. Dr. W. E. Foster of Denison, Texas, has established a temporary dental parlor here. Black and Glover are featuring "The Tray of Hearts," "The Master Key," and "The Million Dollar Mystery"—all serial pictures at the Dreamland Theatre. Miss Dovie Johnson was married to Mr. Sam McDowel May 16th, Rev. Geo. Humes officiating. Mrs. Maggie Neil returned from San Antonio, Texas. Rev. A. L. Russel, of Mt. Zion, is still holding the fort. Public school will close with a concert Friday, May 19th and 20th. Mrs. K. W. Kenyon has opened a bath and rooming house with modern equipment. Mrs. Green of the Daughters of Tabor lectured to St. Mary's Tabernacle Monday. Mrs. Dr. Smith left Friday night to join her husband at Tulsa, their future home.

### NEGRO SLAYER CAUGHT BY POSSE WITH HOUNDS

Constitution 1-15-14

Villa Rica, Ga., January 14.—(Special.)—Ed Lockhart, colored, was shot and instantly killed here today about 3:30 by James Embry, a negro desperado. Lockhart was an industrious and law-abiding citizen. Embry, without cause, it is stated, opened fire on him with a single-barrel shotgun loaded with buckshot. The slayer then tried to make his escape. Bloodhounds were put on his trail and a posse formed by the city police captured him two miles north of here.

## EXCEPTIONAL CRIMINAL RECORD — SOCIAL— EDUCATIONAL— AND OTHER INTERESTING NOTES.

The Dallas Express 3/6/15

Paris, Tex., March 3.—Since last May, 1914, Paris can register a decrease of one murder per month among negroes. The 6,000 Negroes can not so easily spare one every month, adding to that those who die from natural causes. The oratorical contest of Baldwin Grammar School, will materialize the 22nd of March at Mt. Zion M. E. Church. The choir of Mt. Zion M. E. Church is arranging to stage the beautiful Cantata titled, "Ruth," to be given in connection with the Epworth League entertainment. Mr. Chas. Roe of Hugo, Okla., was here this week. The Pythians and Calanthians will have their Annual Thanksgiving Service March 28th at Mt. Zion M. E. Church. The annual sermon will be preached by Rev. J. Mercer Johnson, D. D. The Annual Library Rally of

## ONE KNOX SIMMONS KILLED BY MEXICAN—REV. JAMES BARRETT STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS—TWO FINE HORSES STOLEN FROM REV. I. H. HAWKINS.

The Dallas Express 9/11/15

Addison, Okla., Mr. Knox Simmons was killed by a Mexican at his place of business in the famous "Dive." Rev. [illegible] of Boley is here at the bedside of his father, Rev. James Barrett, who was stricken with paralysis Thursday and is dangerously ill. Mr. Lawson Jones has returned from Sulphur Springs, Texas, where he visited a very sick brother. Mr. Isaiah Watts visited his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Watts. Mrs. E. Dewitt of Newton, Kan., is visiting relatives. Prof. Franks was here Saturday. Mrs. Lucinda Currie went to Tishomingo to see her sick brother. Rev. I. H. Hawkins of A. M. E. church, passed through en route to Chickasha, where he was notified of the theft of his two fine horses.

### WHITE MEN SENTENCED FOR MURDER OF NEGRO.

Constitution—5-12-15

Little Rock, Ark., May 11.—W. R. Fisher, Ashley Ward and Andrew Holmes, three white men, all about 25 years old, today were sentenced to life imprisonment in the Arkansas penitentiary for the murder of Angus Neely, an aged negro, near Wrightsville, December 15, last. The evidence was largely of a circumstantial nature.

Neely, it was said, was murdered for his money, which, it is believed, he had secreted in his cabin. The three men were seen in the vicinity of the negro's cabin on the day of the crime.

### "TANKED UP" NEGROES SHOOT EACH OTHER

Constitution 7-20-15

Madison, Ga., July 19.—(Special.)—Last night two negroes got into a quarrel at a negro church near Godfrey, this county, both drawing their pistols and shooting at each other. The result is Henry Morton is dead and Oscar Pettigrew is in a dying condition. Whisky was the cause.

# Negro Is Arrested For the Murder of His Own Brother

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Sheriff's deputies brought Silas Edwards, negro, to the county jail last night to await the action of the grand jury on a charge against him of having killed his brother, Will Edwards, with a revolver at Downing, Ala., Wednesday night. He was held to the grand jury without bail when given a preliminary hearing yesterday by A. M. Pugh, a justice of the peace at Downing.

The negro is alleged to have stolen some money from his brother and then to have killed him when the latter charged him with the theft

### STREET FOREMAN KILLS DUBLIN NEGRO CONVICT

Constitution 4-27-15

Dublin, Ga., April 26.—(Special.)—Wyler Sanders, a negro convict, was shot and killed by City Superintendent of Streets S. J. Hattaway here today. Sanders had just been sentenced to ninety days on the gang by the recorder, and Hattaway was having shackles put on the negro, who secured a heavy iron bar and attempted to strike Hattaway. He then made a dash to escape, but Hattaway fired at him three times, two shots taking effect. The negro ran half a block and was stopped, but he died in two or three minutes afterwards. After an investigation by City Mayor Weddington, he declared Hattaway was justifiable. Sanders was known as a bad negro.

Henry Kitchens, a negro, is in jail for shooting and almost killing his wife at a neighbor's house a few miles from the city Sunday. Kitchens got wind that his wife went to the place to meet another negro. He went after her and found his wife with a negro man in a room. She ran out on a porch, while the man went under a bed. Kitchens fired at the woman twice with a shotgun and then turned to shoot the man, who was getting out of a rear door, and who is said to have

### SHOOTING SCRAPES RESULT IN DEATH OF TWO NEGROES

Constitution 1-1-15

Two negroes died Sunday at the Grady hospital as the result of assaults upon them by other negroes, armed with revolvers.

Walter McGee was fatally shot by another negro about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the corner of Marietta and Magnolia streets. He was rushed to the Grady, where he succumbed to his wound without regaining consciousness. The bullet entered his head behind his left ear and lodged in his right cheek bone.

Call Officers Barfied and Watson rushed to the scene of the murder on motorcycles, and from witnesses who saw the fight gained information that

McGee was shot by a negro named A. Bennett. Detectives Moon and Cochran were sent to work on the murder.

Squire Randall, who lives in the rear of 438 Edgewood avenue, was found near his home early Sunday morning by patrolmen. He had been shot through the breast, and had dragged himself into a coal yard in an effort to get to his home. He died later at the Grady.

Before dying, Squire told the police that another negro had shot him on Pratt street.

## LOREN, SLAYER OF NEGRO, GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

Augusta, Ga., May 18.—(Special.)—David H. Loren, the young white man who shot an old negro watchman about two weeks ago, pleaded guilty yesterday and was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. The jury found a verdict of guilty of murder by agreement. It was stated that the accused was not strong mentally and this disposition of the case was the best for all concerned.

Joseph J. Taylor, of Graniteville, S. C., who shot and killed William McCullough in this city on the night of January 31, last, was acquitted of murder by a jury on the ground that the killing was in self-defense.

### Negroes Have Duel.

Perry, Ga., December 17.—(Special.) Henry Toomer and John Rollins, two negroes, engaged in a duel with automatic pistols. Heling fired on Rollins, who turned and fired five times, hitting Henry twice in the head and twice in the body. Rollins received two shots in the body. During the shooting Rollins' wife, Birdie, Henry Toomer's sister, was shot twice through the wrist. Both of the negroes are seriously wounded.

## FORMER CITIZEN OF SELMA KILLED BY NEGRO REPORTED

### New Juvenile Court Holds First Session — Representative Green Reported Cornered by Suffs

Selma Bureau
of The Advertiser.
J. P. Welsh, Corr.

Thomas Smiley, formerly of Selma, was killed by a negro named Steele at Thomaston Wednesday morning, according to information reaching Selma. Telephone wires are down between Selma and Thomaston, making communication impossible. Smiley lived in Selma a number of years, but is now said to be located at Consul, about fourty miles from Selma.

According to information reaching Mrs. F. W. Hamilton, sister of Thomas Smiley, in this city tonight, Smiley called to the Steele home to collect a bill. Smiley was a patent medicine salesman and Steele's father is said to have owed him a bill. During an argument between the elder Steele and Smiley, it is stated, the young negro became excited and secured a shot gun from one corner of the room. The information is that the young negro blew off the head of Smiley with this shot gun.

The slayer immediately disappeared, it is stated, and no trace of him has been found, although officers quickly took up the chase.

## White Men in Tragedy At Negro Festival Near Hinsonton

Pelham, Ga., February 8.—(Special.) Jack Sapp shot and instantly killed Seab Horn, at a negro festival, near Hinsonton, in this county, Saturday night. Both were white men, and had gone to the negro festival in company with about six other white men. Sapp surrendered to Sheriff C. D. Crow yesterday and is in jail at Camilla. It is understood that he claims the shooting was accidental.

Both men are said to have been drinking. It is understood that a commitment trial will be held tomorrow.

## BUD FLOYD KILLS HIS UNCLE IN HIS STORE

(Special to The Advertiser.)

WETUMPKA, ALA., Dec. 16.—According to information reaching here this evening from Dexter, eight miles from this place, M. C. Floyd was shot and killed by his nephew, Bud Floyd, this afternoon. Immediately after the shooting Bud Floyd is said to have disappeared, and has not yet been arrested. Details of the alleged killing are meagre.

The only information brought to Wetumpka is to the effect that Bud Floyd had been drinking during the day. He went to his uncle's store while intoxicated, it is stated, and about 2 o'clock this afternoon shot M. C. Floyd four times with a 32 calibre pistol, killing him almost instantly. The cause of the tragedy has not been stated.

## BIRMINGHAM DOCTOR MURDERED BY WOMAN

Special to The New York Age.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 14.—Miss Mattie Bates of Rosedale is held in jail without bail, charged with the murder of Dr. W. L. Council, formerly of Huntsville, Ala.

The killing occurred sometime during the night of November 30 in the doctor's office, 404 Alabama-Penny Prudential Bank building. On Thursday the officers were called to the office of an attorney and Miss Bates surrendered herself to them. Particulars are withheld, but she is being held.

Dr. Council's body was sent to Huntsville for burial.

## NEGROES BOUND OVER ON MURDER CHARGES

Two negroes were given preliminary trial and held to the grand jury without bond, on murder charges, by Recorder Johnson in police court Wednesday. Walter Carmichael, charged with having killed a negro named Kerlin in a Decatur street poolroom, and Charlie Parks, said to have stabbed to death an unknown negro in Darktown, were the ones held to the jury.

## NEGRO SHOT TO DEATH BY A CAROLINA POSSE

Pinewood, S. C., April 10.—Joel Green, a negro desperado, was shot to death by a posse today after he had been treed in a swamp near here by bloodhounds. He seriously wounded J. C. Robbins, state penitentiary guard, in an encounter with his pursuers.

Green was wanted on a charge of robbery. The posse, headed by Robbins, located him in a swamp late yesterday, but after a battle in which the negro killed two bloodhounds, he escaped. He was armed with a shotgun, two pistols and a knife, and wore a steel breastplate.

Robbins was taken to a Columbia hospital.

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Columbia, S. C., April 10.—J. C. Robbins, state executioner, who was wounded Friday in Clarendon county, near Pinewood, by a negro, Joel Green, whom he was chasing with bloodhounds, died tonight at a Columbia hospital. The negro was killed this morning in a swamp by the sheriff's posse after a hard fight. He wore a steel corset; and was heavily armed.

Green was wanted on the charge of robbing three stores at Pinewood. Robbins was sent with the penitentiary bloodhunds to investigate the robbery.

"Governor, I was trying to do my duty," said Robbins to Governor R. I. Manning, as he was being brought to Columbia from Pinewood in the baggage coach on the train last night. The governor rode with the wounded officer, giving him every possible attention.

**Lawton, Okla., Nov. 23.—Little Horace Stearn celebrated his 4th birthday Thursday. Miss Sarah Brown was found in an alley between D. and E. streets last Friday night in an unconscious condition by being knocked in the head by unknown parties. She was found stangling in her blood by one of the Fort Sill soldiers. A dispute over a debt of 25 cents culminated Monday morning in the killing of John Giles, colored, by another colored man named Thadcw Culpepper. Both were picking cotton on the Coley farm near Davidson, where the tragedy occurred. Memorial services were held at Bethlehem Baptist church Sunday in honor of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington. Many papers and talks were made on his life as an educator and race uplifter. We all mourn the loss of so great a man of our race. The A. M. E. conference was a success financially as well as spiritually. An amount of $1200 was raised, $200 above the amount raised last year. I beg to correct a mistake which was made in the Lawton notes last week. The A. M. E. pastor is named Brookins instead of Rooks, as appeared in the Express.**

## COLUMBUS MERCHANT KILLS NEGRO WITH DIRK

Columbus, Ga., February 6.—(Special.)—Early this morning W. B. Willis, a merchant on the Glade road, near Columbus, shot and killed Charlie Edwards, a negro. Willis alleges that the negro was advancing on him with a dirk when he used his pistol. The negro died instantly.

Coroner's inquest placed the responsibility for the negro's death upon Willis, but made no charge against him. Later today county officers swore out a warrant for Willis, charging him with murder. Willis is in jail. There were no eye-witnesses to the shooting.

## KILLED BY REJECTED SUITOR

Chicago, July 22.—Miss Edna Walton, formerly a teacher in the M. W. Gross High School, at Little Rock, Ark., was shot and killed by a rejected suitor a few days ago. The latter fired a bullet in his temple. The woman was a graduate of the State Normal School at Ypsilanti, Mich., class 1913.

## NEGROES DUEL OVER DOG: TWO OF FOUR ARE DEAD

Special to The Advertiser.

GREENVILLE, ALA., March 22.—Sam and Ellie Florence, two negroes living near Georgiana, killed two negroes, Ben Roach and Joe Simms, Sunday afternoon. Sam Florence has been arrested and is now in the Butler County jail, while the other negro has not yet been captured. The killing, according to reports, was the culmination of a difficulty that originated several months ago over a dog.

## HIS THROAT SLASHED

### DIES FROM STAB WOUND

**John Crump Had His Throat Cut—Alleged Assailant in Hospital**

Henry Malloy, colored, lay on a cot in a ward of Virginia Hospital yesterday morning and watched John Crump, whom he is alleged to have cut severely, die. Malloy himself was severely injured by Crump before the fight stopped, and surgeons at the hospital found it necessary to take ten stitches in his back. Crump's throat was cut practically from ear to ear. A warrant charging Malloy with the murder of Crump was served on the negro last night by Policemen Tomlinson, Bailey and Tanner, who arrested each of the men after their fight Monday night.

Ambulance Surgeon Walker, who was summoned to Crump, found the man so badly injured that he was rushed to the operating room at the hospital without delay. The surgeon was later summoned to the vicinity again and this time got Malloy. The surgeon learned that the men were fighting over a woman at the time the cutting took place. Crump is said to have lost about a half gallon of blood.—Times-Dispatch, Mch. 17.

## KILLED NEGRESS CHARGE AGAINST HER

**(Special to The Advertiser.)**

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 13—Charged with the killing of Lena Wilson, colored, Lizzie Wright, a negress, has been locked up in the county jail pending an investigation. The killing occurred on the Mulga road in the western part of the county yesterday afternoon and family matters are said to have been at the bottom of the crime.

## A KILLING REVIVAL

The news columns of The Advertiser yesterday told of an unusually large number of killings which occurred Sunday. These killings were confined to no particular State or locality. Atlanta Syrians had a bloody and deadly fight Sunday, following the killing of several negroes at the same place Saturday night. Two Oklahoma negroes were protected from a mob by the State militia. The negroes had killed an officer. A Prattville negro was killed. In Illinois three brothers were killed in a fight with officers. A Florida negro was slain by white men. A young man near Asheville, N. C., was killed by another young man. Arkansas farmers tried to lynch a deputy sheriff who had wounded another man, and a Mississippi man committed suicide. Three men were slain in Southeast Alabama. There are always more killings during the holiday season than at other times, but it seems that the death toll was unusually heavy this year.

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The Advertiser is in receipt of a copy of "Good Words," the weekly paper published by the inmates of the Federal prison at Atlanta. We are particularly struck with the cover design which was executed by one of the prisoners. It is a fine specimen of artistic drawing. The reading matter of this publication is prepared with ability and care. The average of intelligence among Federal prisoners is of course higher than the average among other classes of prisoners, and that intelligence is manifested strikingly in the character of publication the Atlanta prisoners issue.

## NEGRO CHURCH MEET ENDS IN FIGHT; NO ONE KILLED

Special to The Advertiser.

GREENVILLE, ALA., August 5—A business meeting of the St. Paul Colored Baptist church Wednesday night ended in a big fight and stampede. There are two factions in the church and agreement could not be arrived at by these two factions. Heated discussions fights between the members caused so much noise that a Greenville citizen whose residence adjoins the church yard went to his rear door and discharged his revolver in the ground several times. The disturbed negroes thought the revolver was being used by one of their members and a stampede followed. A number of negroes were hurt in the rush for the doors and windows.

Greensboro, N. C., May 1.—Jeff Dorsett and Ed Walker, negroes, were sentenced to [illegible] here today to be electrocuted at Raleigh June 11 for the murder January 20 last of John Braim, a white man. They were found gilty late yesterday.

### Negro Slayer Jailed.

Douglas, Ga., June 22.—(Special.)—Allan Drawhorn, who last week deliberately shot down and killed Sylvester Johnson, has been jailed by Deputy Strickland. Both are negroes.

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# SHOOTING AT NEGRO, HE KILLS COMPANION

## Boss Pitman Is Accidentally Slain When Scarboro Shoots at Black

Madison, Ga., April 17.—(Special.)—"Boss" Pitman was accidentally shot and killed by a companion in the upper part of Putnam county last night.

It is alleged that Pitman accused a negro, Dee Lawrence, of stealing a still, and last night at about 9 o'clock Pitman and a man by the name of Scarboro went to Lawrence's house and took him and started to the woods with him. Pitman had a pistol and Scarboro had a shotgun, it is said.

About this time the negro's brother-in-law, Mike Thomas, appeared and demanded that the two white men turn Lawrence loose. Pitman, it is reported, let go Lawrence's arm, and, turning, shot his pistol at Thomas. Lawrence then jerked loose from Scarboro and made a break for liberty. Scarboro, in trying to fire his shotgun at the fleeing negro, it is alleged, poured the entire load, by accident, into Pitman's back killing him almost instantly.

The tragedy occurred near the junction of Oconee river and Sugar creek.

## *REWARDS OFFERED FOR THREE NEGROES*

Governor Slaton has offered a reward of $100 for the capture of an unknown negro who criminally assaulted a white women in Ware county, April 14.

The governor has also offered a reward of $100 for the capture of Lewis Crow, a negro, who on April 11 killed Grady Chandler, a white boy, 13 years of age, in Clayton county. The negro

## CULLODEN SHERIFF KILLED BY A NEGRO

(Associated Press)

CULLODEN, GA., Oct. 24.—Bailiff J. N. Barnes was shot and killed near here late today by Henry Harris, a negro, whom he sought to arrest for shooting and wounding two other negroes. Harris escaped but a short time later was shot to death by a white man, said to be J. T. Abercrombie

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## Eight Negroes Stage a Pitched Battle Thursday; Four Shot, One May Die

EVERGREEN, Ala., April 2.—(Special.)—Four men shot and one of them seriously, if not fatally wounded is the result of a pitched gun battle between eight negro men near China, in this county, Thursday. The shooting affray sprang out of feeling over a prosecution brought by Ike Ingram and his three sons against Wallace Sumpter, Ben Wood and Phil and John Booker, which is pending in the county court for trespassing on land, the right of the possession of which is in dispute. The fight was in an open field at thirty yards when Ike Ingram and his three sons were said to have been attacked by the other negroes. All the men were armed and fourteen shots were fired. Wallace Sumpter has eight gun shot wounds in his body while Ike and Eb Ingram are shot in the back and Ben Ingram in the hand. All the negroes are under arrest.

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## RAIDED NEGRO SECTION.

### Fifteen Citizens of Rockport, Ky., Charged With Murder.

Rockport, Ky., June 18.—Fifteen prominent citizens of Rockport are under arrest here on warrants sworn out after the grand jury had returned indictments charging them with first degree murder in connection with the killing of Harrison Maddox during the raid of "possum hunters" on the negro section of this place, April 29th last. Among the arrested are S. D. Robertson, deacon of the Baptist church, and James Hendricks, formerly superintendent of a Sunday school.

This makes the second wholesale arrest on "possum hunter" charges, fifteen citizens of Centertown, this county, having been arrested within the last week.

### MURDER AT WOODSTOCK, ALA.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

MERIDIAN, MISS., Dec. 24.—Th epolice department has been notified of the murder of an Italian at Woodstock, Ala., Tuesday night and asked to keep a lookout for John and Frank Demara, two Italians, who are alleged to have shot the man to death. The men were last seen headed this way. No details of the killing were given.

### *Dead Body Found.*

Cuthbert, Ga., January 27.—(Special.) The dead body of George Burke, a negro, was found beside a public road near here. The body had four wounds. There is no clue as to who killed him.

### Man of 103 Years Passed into the Great Beyond.

Marlin, Tex., Jan. 13.—Mr. William Lang of Rocky Hill, was shot four times, the results of which he died instantly Friday night, and was buried Sunday. Unsubmissiveness is said to be the cause. Mr. Ben Hazlewood, one of Marlin's most loyal citizens, gave a double dinner at his residence Sunday and Monday, of which the following

Greenville, Tex., Oct. 26.—Born Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Brown, a gin to Joe Smith and wife, a boy; to V. to Collins and wife, a girl. Newt Washington shot his wife northeast of Caddo Mills Saturday afternoon. They had been separated for some time, whereupon Mrs. Washington proceeded to enliven the lonesome hours in the company of another gentleman. This procedure displeased Mr. Newt to such an extent that he laid at a seasonable spot where the merry couple would pass. At their approach, he asked his espouse to give him a few moments of her time. The story Mr. Newt had to relate was longer than the escort thought that it should be, so he called to Mrs. Washington to come on. When she proceeded to go Mr. Newt drew his automatic and fired two shots and when the smoke had cleared away Mrs. Washington was a lifeless corpse. He surrendered to the officers and was placed in jail. Mrs. William McCain went to Fort Worth Saturday to see her sister, Mrs. Arch Hudson, who is very sick. Mrs. Estella Murrell is there also. County Teachers' Institute is in session with a goodly number of teachers present. Hattie Crawford of Paris, is the

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## MEN ARE CHARGED WITH KILLING NEGRO

### Preliminary at Walhalla is Begun But Soon Continued for One Day.

Special to The State.

Walhalla, Jan. 11.—The preliminary hearing of W. C. McClure, Cal C. Kay and Woodrow Campbell, charged with the killing of Green Gibson, a negro, at Fair Play on December 20, 1914, was begun at 11 o'clock today before J. B. S. Dendy, magistrate at Walhalla. The State had summoned 36 witnesses. Only about six of these had testified when the hearing was adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow, when the court stenographer will be present to record the testimony. Owing to the prominence of the defendants the case is exciting a great deal of interest. The case is, however, being vigorously prosecuted.

## *MEXICAN IS KILLED BY NEGRO TROOPERS*

Douglas, Ariz., February 8.—Ben Merriwethers and Charles Dingle, negro troopers of the United States cavalry, confessed today the murder of Armando Hornandez, a Mexican chauffeur, who was robbed and killed Saturday night.

William Stewart, a negro, who shot and killed Chief of Police Shires, of Ronceverte, April 3, was found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged on July 2.

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## NEGRO SLAYER GOES FREE.

### Grand Jury Refuses to Indict Henry Miller for Killing of John Kimbrow.

Henry Miller, a negro, was released from the county jail this afternoon following the report of the grand jury which refused to indict him for killing John Kimbrow, also colored. The evidence tended to show that Miller had reason to fear that Kimbrow would kill him.

The grand jury also failed to find any cr[illegible]act in th[illegible] Gl[illegible]

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# AFTER TRIPLE MURDER NEGRO IS SHOT DEAD

Constitution

**Jack Bowers Killed Wife and Two Members of a Sheriff's Posse.** 9-13-15

Carlisle, Ark., September 12.—Jack Bowers, a negro, today shot and killed his wife at the home of another negro near here, fired into a sheriff's posse, killing Dr. W. H. Crawford and J. K. Johnson, a constable, and wounding Chester Crawford, and was shot to death when a mob riddled the cabin in which he had barricaded himself. Three other negroes who were in the cabin surrendered and were placed in jail at Lonoke. A strong guard was maintained at the prison tonight to prevent mob violence.

Chester Crawford, a son of the physician, is believed to be fatally wounded.

After killing his wife Bowers fled to his father's home, where he barricaded himself and opened fire on the posse which had pursued him. In the exchange of shots Johnson and Dr. Crawford were killed and the younger man was wounded. When news of the shooting was brought to Carlisle by the only member of the posse who had escaped injury, the mob quickly formed and riddled the thin walls of the building with shots.

None of the other negroes in the building, all of whom were said to be relatives of Bowers, was wounded. Whether they participated in the shooting was not known.

## REWARD FOR NEGRO BOY SOUGHT AS MURDERER

Constitution

A reward of $150 has been offered by the state for the capture of Son L. Faulk, alias Buddie Faulk, a negro boy, charged with the murder of W. F. Bonhart, a white boy, in Bibb county. The murder, it is said, grew out of the attempt of several white boys, in East Macon, to "initiate" Son Faulk. Faulk resented the pranks of the boys and stabbed the Bonhart boy and escaped.

The governor also offered a reward of $100 for the capture of Clayton Edwards, wanted for the murder of Lem Anderson, in Troup county. Both parties in this case are negroes.

## NEGRO DIES FROM UNINTENTIONAL SHOT

advertiser 1-12-13

Special to The Advertiser.

MERIDIAN, MISS., Jan. 11—John Burwell, the negro who was shot in the head by Bill Thomas, another negro, in a general row at a negro dance Friday night died at the Matty Hersee hospital Saturday afternoon as a result of his wounds. A charge of murder has been placed against Thomas.

Thomas said that he did not intend to shoot Burwell, but intended to shoot another negro, John Hill, with whom he had had a difficulty. Burwell is said to have had on Hill's hat and this caused him to draw the shot that was intended for Hill.

Marshall, Tex., June 9.—A very serious shooting affray occurred here in which Ed Nash, step-father of Ed and Pete Moore, participated. Ed Nash escaped unhurt, while Ed and Pete Moore are very seriously shot and not expected to live. Ed was shot through the lung while Pete had his chin and part of his face shot away. Ed was shot with a pistol and Pete was shot with a shot gun in the hand of his father-in-law. Ed Nash was arrested and is in jail awaiting the serious results of the wound of the boys the cause of the shooting is very conflicting. Ed and Pete were conveyed to the Kahn Memorial Hospital where they were operated upon. At last reports they were doing very well. Mr. George Wett an old citizen of Marshall died at residence of his brother, Chas. Witt. Mr. Jake Williams died at his home in west Marshall. Miss Mary Ocultree died last week. The Normal School opened Monday under most encouraging conditions, 100 teachers enrolled. Mr. Henry Albrooks is very sick. The Mosaic Templars had annaul Thanksgiving services at Ebeneza M. E. Church Sunday. Sermon preached by Rev. J. H. Haywood. The entertainment in Sunny South for Galilee Baptist was a success. Mrs. M. A. Johnson returned home. Mrs. J. F. Rice is much better. Hon. C. W. Ray was in the city recently. Phone 3 for the Express.

## NEGRO GIVEN 50 YEARS FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER

Constitution 9-5-13

Edgar Bibb, negro, must serve fifty years in the State prison for second degree murder, a jury in the criminal division of the City Court decided yesterday. He will be sentenced Saturday and taken to the penitentiary. Son Lucas, charged with murder, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was given three years

Hearing of the testimony in the case of Lamar Lightner, negro, charged with the murder of Will Robinson, was begun. The remaining evidence will be offered following reconvention of court this morning, and a verdict is anticipated before noon.

The negro is alleged to have nearly beheaded Robinson with a razor in Brassell's Alley several months ago. The dying negro is declared to have told officers who found him that Lightner had cut him.

## 2 KILLED AND 2 WOUNDED AT NEGRO CELEBRATION

Constitution 5-12-15

Bowdon, Ga., May 11.—(Special.)—At a negro Odd Fellow celebration at New Hope lodge, one mile from this place, several negroes became engaged in a general shooting affray, and as a result, James Blount and Marsellas McPherson are dead, little 12-year-old George Johnson will probably die, James Smith has a bullet hole through his right arm, and Tom Sims, who it is alleged did all the shooting except two shots, is in jail at Carrollton.

The shooting occurred just in front of the church and it is alleged that Sims began the shooting. All of the killing was accidental except that of McPherson, who was killed by Sims.

Sims was caught about two hours later by Constable W. A. Stephenson, on the banks of the Little Tallapoosa river, after he had chased him more than a mile.

# HIGGS GIVEN 99 YEARS FOR MURDER OF NEGRESS

Constitution

**Alleged Millwood Man Killed Woman Because She Refused to Pick Cotton.**

12/16/15

Waycross, Ga, December 15—(Special)—Ben Higgs, well-known white man, of Millwood, was tonight found guilty of murdering Martha Anderson, a negro woman, in July, the jury recommending him to the mercy of the court.

Judge Summerall, of the superior court, sentenced Higgs to ninety-nine years in the state penitentiary The verdict was returned thirty minutes after the case was given to the jury.

The woman was fifty-nine years old and, according to testimony submitted, had never been involved in a quarrel with Higgs. The day Higgs killed her, he tried to get her to leave her home and pick cotton for him. She said she could not, and Higgs then shot her with a rifle. His companion testified that Higgs had been drinking "moonshine." Higgs has a wife and several children. His wife and baby were in court throughout the trial.

## NEGRO KILLED, WHITE MAN DYING FROM DUEL FOUGHT

Advertiser 6-27-13

Special to The Advertiser.

HUNTSVILLE, ALA., June 26.—In a desperate duel in the dark near Farley tonight Frank Martin, a negro farm hand, was stabbed to death and John McPeters, a white man, was so badly shot that he will probably die today. The men were alone in a horse lot when the trouble came up. Martin shot McPheters twice and then the latter stabbed him to death before sinking into unconsciousness.

## NEGRO FATALLY KNIFED BY KINGSTON NEGRESS

Constitution 6-27-13

Kingston, Ga., June 26.—(Special.) Henry Patterson, a negro man, was stabbed and killed tonight by Anna Williams, a negro girl, on the sidewalk in front of Patterson's home. The knife entered the left side of the neck above the collarbone, severing the jugular vein. There were no eye-witnesses. The negro woman says Patterson knocked her down three times before she struck him. She was arrested and sent to jail at Cartersville.

## WITNESSES OF SLAYING FORCED TO DIG GRAVE

Constitution 1-21-15

Greensboro, Ga., January 20.—(Special.)—A shooting affair between negroes which occurred early yesterday morning resulted in the death of Robert Hackney, who was shot by Judge Terrell. Terrell made his escape, but later sent word to the sheriff he was ready to surrender.

The men and women who were in the house at the time of the shooting were made to dig the grave.

## WILLIAMSON MARSHAL JAILED FOR SHOOTING

Constitution 4-5-13

Williamson, Ga., April 4.—(Special.)

Herman Pitts was shot last night by Bunt Armistead, town marshal. The result of the wound cannot be determined at this time, but it is considered serious. The marshal claims self-defense. He was arrested and jailed.

## NEGRO MURDERER MAKES HIS ESCAPE

Constitution

"Captain" Scott, a negro first-degree murderer, escaped from the stockade at Speigners' Thursday afternoon. The prisoner had been sent up for life, but had served only two months.

It is said that Scott tunneled out of the basement of the cotton mill, climbed on top of the hose house, and from there jumped over the stockade fence.

Information from Speigners' is that as soon as the escape was known dogs were put on the trail, but were able to follow the man only a short distance.

## Negro Is Fatally Cut By Young White Man Who Gives No Reason

Constitution 4-19-15

J. B. Jones, age 23, of 150 Courtland street, late Sunday afternoon nearly cut off the head of a negro with a pocket knife under the Washington street viaduct, on Collins street, in the old red light district.

The negro, whose name could not be ascertained, was rushed to the Grady hospital in a dying condition.

Patrolmen Blazer and Kilpatrick arrested Jones, charging him with disorderly conduct and stabbing. He is being held without bond.

When pressed by Station Sergeant George Nealy to tell why he had cut the negro, Jones refused to make any statement.

## NEGRO HELD HERE FOR SHOOTING HIS WIFE

Constitution 4-15-13

Frank Robinson, a Pike Road negro, is in the county jail held for dangerously injuring his wife, whom he shot while firing at a negro man he found in her company Tuesday night. The woman was shot through the body and is not expected to survive the wound.

Robinson is held without bond pending the outcome of the pistol wounds. The woman is in a Montgomery infirmary.

# ARKANSANS USE TORCH FREELY IN RACE RIOT TROUBLE

advertiser 12-1-13

**Church, Schoolhouse, Homes, Barns and Outbuildings Burned and Five Are Arrested After Killing**

(Associated Press.)

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Nov. 30.—Deputy sheriffs today were sent to Brushy Island, ten miles north of here, because of disorders between negroes and whites following the killing last week of John Lee, a white farmer, in a battle with negro cattle thieves.

Since that time a church, school house, several houses, barns and outbuildings have been burned.

Five white men have been arrested charged with rioting and arson. They are alleged to have taken up the quarrel of Lee. All have been released on bond.

# NEGRO FATALLY SHOT BY HERBERT W. WILSON

9/9/15

Constitution

**Well-Known Waycross Citizen Fires as Black Makes Dash With Money.**

Waycross, Ga., May 8.—(Special.)—Joe Woodbury, a negro helper employed in the Atlantic Coast line shops, was shot and fatally wounded here this afternoon by Herbert W. Wilson, a well-known attorney. The negro died before he reached a hospital.

The negro was trying to get away with his month's wages, $24.63, after having agreed for the attorney to take out of it $17.65 due the R. D. Ison company, loan brokers.

Paymaster Vick turned the money over to the attorney in the negro's presence, but the attorney a moment later let Woodbury have it to count. When he got the money, instead of counting it, the negro made a dash from the pay car. The attorney followed, and after calling to the negro to stop, drew a pistol and fired. He stated afterwards he was unaware that he had hit the negro.

Bond of $2,000 was arranged. The case will probably be investigated by the grand jury next week.

Wilson is a son of Leon A. Wilson, senior member of the law firm of which Judge W. W. Lambdin, of Savannah, was a member when he was named federal judge by President Wilson.

## NEGRO'S BULLET FATAL FOR ERNEST WATKINS

Constitution 11-13-13

Augusta, Ga., November 12.—(Special.)—Ernest M. Watkins, superintendent of a cotton seed oil mill at Anderson, S. C., who was shot last Saturday by a negro who is still at large, died today in a hospital at Rock Hill, S. C. The body is being brought to this city for funeral and interment.

Mr. Watkins was an alumnus of North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical college and was prominently connected with the Buckeye Cotton Oil company in Atlanta, Augusta, Birmingham and other places. He was a native of Anderson, where he was prominently connected. He married Miss Ella Jowitt, of Augusta.

## KILLED BROTHER-IN-LAW IN QUARREL OVER CHILD

Constitution

Georgiana, Ala., December 21.—Joe Verchott, councilman, farmer and wealthy land owner in this section, killed Claude Farr, his sister's husband, this afternoon on the main street of the town. Mr. Farr and his wife have been separated, and trouble has

existed over the possession of their child. The couple met today and Farr is alleged to have tried to take forcible possession of the cihld. His wife called to her brother, nearby, for help. A quarrel between the men resulted, and Verchott is said to have used a shovel in beating his brother-in-law to death. Verchott is under arrest. Because of the prominence of Verchott the killing has created a sensation.

## NEGRO SLAIN IN FIGHT OVER DARKTOWN BELLE

Constitution 11-25-13

A quarrel begun over a month ago, alleged by officers to have been started over a Darktown belle, resulted in a fight last night in which one negro was killed and another narrowly escaped being stabbed to death.

Nathan Lumpkin, living at 356 North Butler, was shot in the leg with a shotgun wielded in the hands of Josh Gaston, his next door neighbor, and Lumpkin died on the table at the Grady hospital. Call Officerse Haslett and Evans investigated.

## NEGRO KILLS HIS WIFE AND MAKES HIS ESCAPE

Constitution 2-16-11

Marietta, Ga., February 15.—(Special.) Albert Tompkins, a negro man some 2( years old, stabbed his wife in the throa here last night, death resulting in a few minutes from loss of blood. The killing occurred on a back streets no one being present, but the negroes had been seen going that way together a few minutes before, and parties heard the woman screaming and calling his name. Tompkins fled and has not yet been arrested.

## *McKenzie Druggist Shot Through Heart*

Advertiser 12-25-13

**(Special to The Advertiser.)**

GEORGIANA, ALA., Dec. 24—According to information from McKenzie, a small place five miles from here, on the Alabama and Florida railway, Dr. M. B. Nall was shot through the heart late this afternoon and killed and W. J. Travis was shot in the leg. It is stated that the two men had a misunderstanding and a duel resulted.

Dr. Nall was a druggist in McKenzie, and a son of the mayor of that place. The cause of the difficulty between the two men has not been stated.

## FIVE BLACKS ARE HELD FOR MURDER OF NEGRESS

Constitution 11-28-13

Cordele, Ga., November 27.—(Special.)—Five negroes, three women and two men, are held in the Crisp county jail, implicated in the murder of Rhodie Moore, another negro woman, who was stabbed to death last night. Carrie Hill is alleged to have done the killing, though a bloody knife was found on the person of Jacob Sapp when he was arrested. Minnie Lee Goin and Annie Belle Thigpin, together with Will Searcy, are alleged to have been parties to a plot to take the negro woman's life.

## NEGROES DEFENDANTS IN SEVEN CAPITAL CASES

Advertiser 3-24-13

Seven negroes charged with murder will be arraigned in the City Court today before Judge McIntyre. The defendants are: Minerva Hall, Allen Sears, Henry Drinkwater, George Edwards, General Stewart, William Upshaw and Henry Bruce.

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# ANOTHER ARREST IN FERRELL CASE

### Grand Jury Takes Up Official Investigation of the Murder

Paul Moore, a negro, was lodged in the county jail Wednesday afternoon on a charge of murder. The negro was arrested by special officers of the Pratt Consolidated Coal company near Maxine.

It is stated that the negro is being held in connection with the killing of Dr. C. C. Ferrell last Sunday. The warrant for the negro, it was stated, would be sent in to the sheriff's office Thursday. Three negroes are now in jail charged with the Farrell killing.

The assassination of Dr. Chiles Clifton Ferrell, who was shot at the commissary of his company near Maxine early last Sunday morning, was taken up by the grand jury Thursday morning. A number of witnesses in the cases were examined. A confession has been secured from Jesse White, a negro, in the county jail charged with the murder, by the sheriff's office, and another by the coroner. The grand jury will probably act on the case during the next few days.

The grand jury reconvened Thursday morning after a recess of several days. Several cases were taken up Thursday morning, and a large number of witnesses were on hand in the corridor before the grand jury room door.

It is stated that no witnesses have been summoned before the grand jury in the Steele-Smith disaster. It is probable that the matter will not be taken up by the grand jury at this time, if at all.

## NEGROES QUARREL OVER CRAP GAME; TWO DEAD

Advertiser 4-9-13

Special to The Advertiser.

CLANTON, ALA., April 8.—A gang of negroes were engaged in a crap game near Thorsby when a row commenced. Joe Haynes pulled a pistol and opened fire on Sam Johnson, when Johnson commenced on Joe with his knife. They clinched and fell. The two men died within a few minutes of each other.

## NEGRO IS DEAD; FOUR ARE HELD

Constitution 6-23-13

Raymond Thomas, a negro, was fatally stabbed this morning at 1:30 o'clock at a negro house at 18 Mangum street, and died before Call Officers Watson and Sneed reached the house. Four negroes are under arrest, charged with being implicated in the killing.

## 2 NEGROES KILLED, ANOTHER WOUNDED IN VIENNA FIGHT

Constitution 10/11/15

Vienna, Ga., October 10.—Two negroes are dead and a third, who was wounded, is locked up here in jail tonight as a result of a shooting on the streets of this town at 7:30 o'clock tonight. The dead are George Rutland and Dave Terrell. Dock Hamilton is under arrest on a charge of murder.

Hamilton met Rutland on the street and killed him after a quarrel caused by jealousy. Terrell and a crowd of other negroes followed him to his home and there a pitched battle was fought, in which Terrell was killed and Hamilton wounded.

Negroes are angry and threaten to do violence to Hamilton if they can get him.

## NEGRO PREACHER HELD ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Constitution 10-3-13

Dalton, Ga., October 2.—(Special.)—J. S. Gresham, a negro preacher of this place, is being held in jail charged with the murder of Norris Galloway, a negro brickmason.

The evidence before the coroner's jury tended to place the guilt of the killing upon Gresham, and he was ordered held without bond for investigation by the grand jury, which convenes next week.

The dead negro was asleep when someone fired either a large caliber pistol or rifle through the wall of the house and into his body, killing him instantly. Witnesses testified to having seen Gresham going in the direction of the killing immediately before the shooting, and hastily leaving there after the firing. The testimony further tended to show that the accused preacher was actuated by jealousy over the attentions of another negro who was also stopping at the same house with Galloway, and the shots were supposedly fired to frighten or intimidate the inmates of the house.

Gresham returned to the house during the excitement which followed, and was solicitous over the safety of the inmates. He was taken into custody, together with several others of his race, who attempted to precipitate a riot. Gresham denies his guilt, and has employed Colonel W. E. Mann to defend him. The prisoner had a court experience a number of years ago over the same dusky affinity who is mentioned as a probable cause for the killing, at which time he was convicted and heavily fined, and subsequently derived of his credentials.

## SLAYER OF MARSHAL TAKEN AT PORT TAMPA

Constitution 9-29-13

Tampa, Fla., September 28.—Charles Haines, the negro who on Saturday night shot and killed Marshal Joe Walker, of Port Tampa City, when the marshal sought to arrest him, and slightly wounded Policeman Charles Waters and two other persons, was captured this morning in the dense woods about five miles from Port Tampa City and brought here and lodged in jail.

## NEGRO IS JAILED FOR TAYLOR KILLING

Constitution 3-30-13

Valdosta, Ga., March 29.—(Special.)—John Williams, a negro, was arrested here, charged with being the murderer of Charles Taylor, at Jemison, Fla., two weeks ago.

Williams is believed to have come to Valdosta soon after the killing of Taylor, and has been going under an assumed name. He is being held here for identification by Florida officers.

## NEGRO KILLS NEGRESS; BURNS BODY IN HOUSE

Advertiser 5-26-1

Special to The Advertiser.

TUSCUMBIA, ALA., May 25.—Jake Miller, a negro well known in this community, is in the county jail in Tuscumbia, charged with a most horrible and revolting crime, committed Saturday night two miles east of this city at the Northern Alabama Railway and Southern Railway crossing. The evidence against him is strong, and his neighbors say he has no defense.

He is charged with brutally murdering a young negro woman, Roena Franklin, dragging her body to a vacant house, setting fire to the building and burning the victim.

He was seen to drag her to the place of the burning and her screams were heard by neighbors. He is said to have killed her by beating her brains out wtih a fish plate used in jointing rails on railroads, and when her body was dragged from the flames her skull showed a number of fractures, indicating that she had been murdered and her body thrown into the burning flames. It is one of the most horrible crimes ever perpetrated in this section.

## ADMITS BOY MURDER; IS GIVEN TEN YEARS

Advertiser 3-21-13

Special to The Advertiser.

FLORENCE, ALA., March 20—James K. Morris, an aged bricklayer, pleaded guilty in the Lauderdale county criminal court to the murder of a negro boy, Jim Wilson, and was given the lowest sentence, ten years in the penitentiary. Morris is an excentric character and the negro boys had made it a practice to tease him, but according to witnesses this boy had not molested him in any way, but was carrying a bag of coal along the road at the time he was shot by Morris.

The sentence of ten years is equivalent to a life term in the case of Morris as he is old and feeble.

## KILLS NEGRO WOMAN

**After Committing Horrible Crime Negro Eludes Officers And Is Now Being Hunted By Georgia And Alabama Authorites.**

Officers of two States are now on the lookout for one Lee Brooks, colored, and warrants are out against the man charging him with murder. It is thought he has gone into Georgia, and the officers of that State have been notified, and they are watching to apprehend the man in case he comes into the State, while the local officers are running down every clue as to his whereabouts in Alabama.

Friday afternoon, near the "tunnel" at Woodward furnace the man is alleged to have killed a colored woman named Mattie Horton by cutting her to death with a knife. The deed was particularly brutal, for the woman was badly mutilated. The cut that killed her must have been made with a six-inch blade of a knife or dagger, because it entered just below and behind the right ear and came out at the throat, severing the jugular vein. There were other bad cuts on the woman's body, particularly on her arms, and when officers arrived on the scene she presented a terrible sight.

None of the particulars were gained, though it appears that as soon as the deed was committed the man left for parts unknown, and despite the efforts of the officers he got entirely away.

The matter was reported to the sheriffs' office and Deputy Parker went there immediately, and after following the man for a day and not catching him he telegraphed the Georgia authorities, as he was apparently headed that way. The negro man is well known in this section, and it is thought that he will be apprehended in the near future.

## WOMAN IS HACKED TO DEATH WITH HATCHET

Advertiser 7-31-13

MURPHYSBORO, ILL., July 30.—Mrs. James H. Martin, wife of an attorney, was beaten and hacked to death with a hatchet in her home here today. Joe Deberry, a negro house servant, recently paroled from the State reformatory, was arrested.

A mob formed near the jail and the sheriff spirited the prisoner away. An attempt to jail the negro at Maron was abandoned because another mob was waiting there. The sheriff finally found haven for his prisoner at Harrisburg.

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## MONTICELLO NEGRO PAYS DEATH PENALTY

Constitution 4-10-15

Monticello, Ga., April 9.—(Special.)—Will Byrd, colored, who murdered Sadie Brunson, a negro woman, about a year ago, was hanged here today by Sheriff J. R. Ezell.

Byrd was composed and after a long talk to those around the jail walked up the steps to the scaffold with a firm step.

## DOMESTIC TROUBLE CAUSED TRAGEDY AT BIRMINGHAM

(Special to The Advertiser.)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 20—Coroner Charles L. Spain will hold an inquest Tuesday morning over the body of Joe Brown, shot and killed Saturday night by W. H. Holt on Nineteenth Street between Morris and First Avenues. Holt will be given preliminary trial probably Wednesday of this week or Friday of next week. The case has not yet been set, but probably will be before Judge H. B. Abernethy, of the Municipal Court.

Warrants were sworn out for Holt Monday morning. He has been transferred from the city jail to the county jail.

Holt made a short statement of the killing to reporters Saturday night while in the office of Police Chief Martin Eagan. He said that domestic troubles caused him to kill Brown.

Following the shooting, Holt came to police headquarters and gave himself up.

## NEGRESS IS DETAINED FOR SHOOTING NEGRO

12-22-13

Julia Dozier, a young negress living at No. 36 Trenholm street, last night shot and probably fatally wounded Jim Davis, a negro living at No. 8 Golden avenue. She told the police that she shot Davis when he broke open her bedroom door, stating that he had beaten her severely several days ago. She is now under arrest at the police station. The bullet from her revolver entered Davis' left lung.

## YOUNG WHITE IS SHOT; NEGRO IN JAIL HERE

**Lee Adams is Shot While Endeavoring to Disperse Disorderly Negroes.**

Advertiser 3-13-15

In an attempt to break up a rowdy negro gathering on the Lee Walker place at LeGrand, Lee Adams, a young white man, was shot through both legs with a pistol, and Thad Reeves, a negro, was brought to Montgomery Monday morning charged with the shooting. Reeves is in the county jail. Adams is reported not dangerously wounded.

Adams had been instructed by his employer to stop the rowdy "frolic" and went to the cabin to disperse the negroes. Reeves, it is alleged, opened fire upon him, one shot striking in the calf of each of Adams's legs. Reeves was captured on an adjoining plantation.

## STANSELL GETS SHORT SENTENCE FOR KILLING

Constitution 3-3-15

Judge Ben Hill yesterday morning imposed one of the shortest manslaughter sentences in the history of Fulton courts, when he sentenced Henry Stansell to one year, the minimum term for manslaughter—in the penitentiary. Stansell had been convicted of the slaying of Will Hull, another negro. In delivering his sentence, Judge Hill declared his satisfaction that the slain negro had precipitated the difficulty that caused the killing.

## GIRL SHOOTS WOMAN BECAUSE OF REMARKS

Constitution 11-6-15

**Effie Fincher Heard Stories at Sunday School and Shot Mrs. Eason.**

11/5/15

Anniston, Ala., November 14.—Effie Fincher, a 17-year-old girl, was held, in the county jail tonight pending a change in the condition of Mrs. M. Eason, whom police charge Miss Fincher shot. According to the police, the girl heard at Sunday school this morning that Mrs. Eason had made remarks about her, which the girl resented. The shooting followed. Mrs. Eason is not expected to live.

## NEGRO IS HELD FOR ASSAULT TO MURDER

Advertiser 4-12-15

Cy Hopikns, a negro, was arrested yesterday morning on a warrant charging assault to murder. It is said that Hopkins late Saturday night fired into a crowd of negroes with a shot gun, some of the shot hitting Grant Pace and Lon Anderson.

Neither of the negroes is seriously wounded. The case will be tried in the Police Court this afternoon.

### Kills Negro Cropper.

Dublin, Ga., December 22.—(Special.) Bob Hatfield, a farmer of this county, killed a negro cropper, Frank Clark, at his store at Moore's Station last night, in self-defense, according to a statement of the affair, and after investigation the authorities held that he was justifiable.

Constitution 12-23-13

### Negro Murderer Caught.

Forsyth, Ga., February 2.—(Special.) Sheriff T. S. Holland, of Monroe county, last night brought back from New Berne, N. C., John Davis, negro wanted in this county for the murder of Coon Davis, another negro. Following the shooting, several weeks ago, the Davis negro disappeared, only to be located in the North Carolina town. He was arrested by the chief of police of New Berne and the Monroe county sheriff notified. On January 1 Governor Slaton offered a reward of $100 for the apprehension of the fugitive. The negro is in jail here awaiting the action of the grand jury, which is in session.

## NEGRO KILLS WIFE AND SHOOTS WHITE MEN

Advertiser 9-27-15

(Associated Press.)

MOUNT VERNON, GA., Sept. 26.—William Evans, a negro, early today shot and killed his wife near here, and fled, bearing a shot gun. Meeting W. D. Neeley and Julian McCoy, both white, the negro shot and wounded them. Both will recover, it is believed, although McNeeley probably will lose the sight of one eye. It is believed Evans shot the two men thinking they sought to capture him.

Posses of farmers started after the negro before noon today, but late tonight had failed to find him. It is not known why the negro killed his wife.

## ASSASSINATION OF NEGRO TENANT CHARGED

PADUCAH, Ky., May 5.—(Special.)—Ludley White, Filmore Hook, Albert Hook and Porter Stuart, prominent young farmers of the Blandville section of Ballard county, were arrested on an indictment charging them with the assassination of Peter Hart, a negro farm tenant, and are being guarded at Wickliffe pending an effort to execute bonds, which had not been given late this afternoon. Hart was riddled with shot one night last January while he was poking the fire in his home. He had received written warnings to leave the community but white neighbors, who stated he was a peaceful citizen, advised him to remain. A reward of $200 had been offered by the state for the arrest and conviction of the assassins and Detective James Collins of Paducah had done considerable work on the case, but refused to make a statement. None of the accused would talk. The late grand jury returned an indictment against the four men but their arrest caused much surprise.

### WIFE MURDER CHARGED NEGRO.

Advertiser 7-7-11

Special to The Advertiser.

GREENVILLE, ALA., July 6.—Mal Walker, a negro of Georgiana, this county, was placed in the Butler County jail Monday night charged with murder. Walker attacked his wife with a large knife and cut her in many places about the head and body, the cuts being so severe that death immediately followed. He was taken in custody by Officer Ben Harbin of Georgiana and placed in the lock-up of that city. Feeling was high among the negroes and Sheriff Harrison went to the scene and brought the negro here. Walker claims that his wife and brother-in-law first attacked him.

## NEGRO OF HUNTSVILLE KILLS WIFE WITH AXE

Advertiser 4-6-13

Special to The Advertiser.

HUNTSVILLE, ALA., April 5.—Jim Jones, a negro, killed his wife, Caroline Jones, with an axe at the latter's home on Josephine Street today. The couple had been separated and Jones went to his wife's house and out into the back yard where he quarreled with her and then chopped her head with an axe. She lived two hours. The negro walked to the jail and surrendered.

### Negro Slayer Pursued.

Constitution 9-9-15

Molena, Ga., September 8.—(Special.) While attending a society meeting here last night, Will Tuggle shot and instantly killed John Riggings. Both are colored. The marshal and a number of citizens rushed to the scene of the shooting. Four shots took effect in the body of Riggings. Tuggle fled and has not been apprehended at this hour. The sheriff is in hot pursuit.

### Held as Wife Slayer.

Constitution 4-13-13

Waycross, Ga., April 15.—(Special.) Richard Washington, a negro wanted for murdering his wife at Ruskin, seven mile west of Waycross, was brought to Waycross Wednesday and lodged in jail for action by the grand jury. He was caught in Wayne county where he was traced by Sheriff Pittman. The negro is charged with shooting his wife and then clubbing her head to a jelly.

## NEGRO SLAIN BY GRUBBS.

**Black Was Advancing on Him With Knife.**

Constitution 9-5-12

Sylvester, Ga., September 4.—(Special.)—News has just been received at this place of the killing of Dave Walker, a negro, by W. H. Grubbs, manager of the Alford-Westberry company, a large supply house at Bridgeboro, at which place the killing took place this afternoon.

The negro is said to have been dissatisfied over the settlement of his account and advanced upon Mr. Grubbs with an open knife in his hand, remarking that he would settle the account his own way, rendering it necessary for Mr. Grubbs to shoot hastily in self-defense.

The affair is greatly deplored by Mr. Grubbs and his friends, but no blame is attached to Grubbs by witnesses.

## OFFICER KILLS NEGRO IN A DESPERATE FIGHT

Constitution 11-5-13

Villa Rica, Ga., November 4.—(Special.)—Dick Graham, colored, was shot and killed here today by Marshal Boyd.

The negro resisted arrest, and after a few words between them a fight ensued, in which the negro stabbed Boyd in the neck, and the officer shot the negro in the breast. Two bullets passed entirely through the negro's body.

### DEPUTY KILLS NEGRO.

Constitution 10-21-15

Special to The Advertiser.

GIRARD, ALA., Jan. 20.—T. J. Madden, a deputy sheriff of Russell County, shot and instantly killed Lewis Redd, a negro, last night about 8:00 o'clock, and from reports of a number of eye witnesses it was a case of self-defense. Deputy Madden had gone to arrest Redd when he showed fight and the officer had to protect himself.

## IN DESPERATE DUEL OFFICER KILLS NEGRO

**Barfield and Unknown Black Fight While Handcuffed Together.**

Constitution 3-1-15

Officer Barfield, of the day watch, had a very close call with an infuriated negro late yesterday afternoon. A message came to police headquarters that a negro wanted on several charges, one of which, the police allege, is for murder in an adjoining county, was lurking in the vicinity of London lane.

Barfield answered the call and caught the negro, handcuffing him to his wrist. The negro, with his free hand drew a "billy" from his pocket and struck Barfield on the head, stunning him, so the officer claimed, and attempted to free himself, wrenching at his chained wrist. When he recovered sufficiently, the policeman gave battle to the negro, who again attempted to put him out with the weapon he was wielding, and Barfield drew his gun, shooting the negro and killing him instantly.

The negro, whom no one knew, had letters in his pocket addressed to John Taylor. The police allege he was wanted on several charges, and Officer Baker alleges that he had him in his custody at one time, but that the negro escaped, after tearing nearly all his clothes from his back.

Police Chief Beavers last night stated that the negro who was shot throught the heart by Call Officer J. W. Barfield, Friday afternoon, was wanted for murder in South Carolina, and that he was the same negro who broke a rib of Officer "Bill" McKinney in a fight on Decatur street, one year ago, when Officer McKinney, in protection of his life, beat the negro almost senseless.

Two citizens, T. W. Woodall, of Norcross, Ga., and W. F. Williams, of 276 North Butler street, aided the officer in his fight.

The police say that the negro's name is John Taylor. His body was later removed to a local undertaking chapel.

## YOUTH KILLS AGED MAN.

**Joseph Rawlins Shot Dead by Muck Middleton.**

Constitution 4-15-15

Albany, Ga., April 14.—(Special.)—Joseph Rawlins, about 60 years old, was shot and instantly killed by Muck Middleton, a young man, late yesterday afternoon on the Tarver plantation. The shooting was done with a rifle, the ball entering Rawlins' temple and passing entirely through the head. The tragedy occurred just over the Baker county line in Dougherty, but Middleton, who is oly 19 years old, was arrested during the night by Sheriff Edwards, of Baker county. Today he was brought to Albany and placed in jail.

In a statement today young Middleton stated that he shot Rawlins after the latter had fired two shots at him. They had had trouble over a fish trap in the river in which both were interested, and Middleton claims his life had been threatened. He fired several shots from his rifle, and the wound in Rawlins' head caused instant death.

## WHITE MEN ATTEMPT TO WHIP NEGRO; ARE SHOT

Special to The New York Age.

Augusta, Ga., July 16.—One white man is dead and two are seriously wounded as a result of their attempt to take the law in their own hands and punish a negro, Jim Turner, tenant of Wesley McDonald, and with whom McDonald had had some trouble.

Wesley McDonald, his brother, Preston McDonald, and Frank Davis, the white men, went to Turner's home about 11 o'clock Saturday night with the intention of whipping him. As they approached the house Turner opened fire, and when white people of the neighborhood reached the scene Wesley McDonald was dead and his brother and Davis lay wounded, nearly at the door of the house. The whites surrounded the house and riddled it with bullets, but Turner had escaped.

## MURDERED FOR UNKNOWN CAUSE.

Philadelphia. Oct. 22.—Cornelius C.

Turner of 1517 Federal street, 17 years old, shot and killed Alfreada Weatherburn, 16 years old, of 1724 Reed street, and then put a bullet through his own brain in the Majestic Hotel at 1209 South 17th street. There were no witnesses to the shooting and the police have not found out what motive prompted the killing.

## LEE COUNTY CITIZEN IS KILLED BY NEGRO

Special to The Advertiser.

GIRARD, ALA., Jan. 26—John W. Geeslin, a well known citizen of Lee County, was shot and instantly killed last night about midnight by a negro named Ben Bell, who made his escape.

The killing occurred near where Bell lived, near Phenix City, and is supposed to have been the result of Geeslin's having some negroes arrested the day before.

Selma Bureau of The Advertiser. J. P. Welsh, Corr.

Jim Sorrell, negro, has been arrested in connection with the murder Wednesday morning of Sid Williams, negro boy, and at last officers from the Sheriff's department think they are on the trail of the murderer. Sorrell is not thought to be guilty of the crime, but is expected to give the officers valuable information.

## AFTER DOING MURDER NEGRO KILLS HIMSELF

Pulaski, Tenn., March 27.—Sumpter C. Harrison, superintendent of the county workhouse, was attacked about noon with an ax by Leavitt Gilbert, a negro convict. He received a wound on the head from which he died early this afternoon. The negro escaped, but finding himself pursued by officers and citizens, ended his life.

## 40 Negroes Caught By Two Policemen In Three Hours' Time

Call Officers McWilliams and Austin Sunday morning arrested and docketed cases against forty negroes in about three hours' time, various offenses being charged. Judge Johnson "did his duty" in court Monday by fining those negroes from $5 and costs up to $25 and costs.

Thirty-nine of the negroes were convicted, which is a record for two officers in an eigh-hour watch.

## NEGRO CONVICT KILLS WITH GUARD'S PISTOL

Raleigh, N. C., September 18.—Holding five other convicts at bay with a revolver snatched from a guard's pocket, John Hodgin, a negro member of a chaingang, today shot and killed J. C. Freeman, assistant superintendent of the prison at Albemarle, N. C., and escaped. Tonight posses are scouring the surrounding country for him.

## TROOPS ARE CALLED TO REPRESS NEGROES

Raleigh, N. C., August 31.—News reached here this afternoon that a company of the North Carolina national guard from Henderson spent last night at Kittrell, a small town thirty-five miles north of here, on account of threatened trouble with negroes, who, it is said, began a demonstration late yesterday afternoon against O. W. Duke, a policeman, who is charged with killing a negro whom he was attempting to arrest Saturday night. The sheriff of Vance county was notified of the trouble and obtained permission from Governor Craig, who is now at Asheville, to use the militia to prevent trouble. The soldiers returned to Henderson this morning, leaving the sheriff and a special squad of deputies. Kittrell is reported quiet today.

Pittsburg Gazette Times

## NEGRO KILLS POLICE CHIEF; FEAR LYNCHING

[Special Telegram to The Gazette Times.]

LEWISBURG, W. VA., April 4.—Intense excitement prevails in Ronceverte, near here, following the killing late yesterday of George J. Shires, police chief of Ronceverte, by John Stuart, a negro.

Authorities fear a lynching should Stuart be captured in West Virginia and an outbreak between whites and negroes, according to reports.

Stuart, it is said, had been peddling whisky from Covington, Va., just across the state line from Ronceverte. He submitted to arrest, but shot Shires five times while being taken to jail.

A Ronceverte report says the negro has been surrounded in a wood near there. A Covington report late today said Stuart had been captured there and had confessed the killing.

## Holds Shooting Justifiable.

Dawson, Ga., April 26.—(Special.)—"Justifiable homicide" was the verdict of the coroner's jury in the shooting of V. I. Stubbs by Cinton Pinkston Saturday night late, at Parrott, Ga. Two small boys, brothers of the two men, ran together with their bicycles. The older brothers took it up and the killing was the result.

## NEGRO KILLS WIFE AND MAKES ESCAPE

Macon, Ga., July 16.—(Special.)—Because his wife would not again take up her abode with him, after having been separated from him for ten days, Richard Clawson, a negro, this morning went to the house on Second street, where she was stopping, and stabbed her through the heart. Her death was instantaneous. Glawson made his escape up the river and up to a late hour today had not been captured.

Ennis, Tex., July 22.—Mr. Chas. Tapp was killed near Bardwell last week by a colored man, who is still at large. Cause unknown. Ed Smith died July 13; cause dropsy. Victoria White is seriously sick. She is said to have been poisoned. Lela Bottle and Franklin Posey were called to Curren to attend S. S. convention. Departures: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cole, Miss Ruby Clay and Mr. Earl Clay, Galveston. Arrivals: Mrs. S. M. Akiens, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth Lockett. Sick: Mrs. Cora Sommerville, Victoria White, Jessie Foreman, Ida Smith and Callie Jackson.

# MAN CHASE IS ON IN VICINITY OF SELMA BY POSSE

### Eugene Meyers, Negro, Shoots and Kills Constable Allie Wallace While Latter Tries to Arrest Other Negro

Selma Bureau of The Advertiser. J. P. Welsh, Corr.

Officers with bloodhounds are are scouring the woods in the neighborhood of Safford, south Dallas county, for Eugene Meyers, a negro who Friday morning shot and killed Allie Wallace white constabl,e as Wallace was trying to arrest Wash Goodwin, wanted for larceny. Wallace is popular in the Safford community and a large number of whites and negroes are with the possee seeking Meyers.

According to the story brought to Selma, Wallace was sent to arrest Goodwin and was about to place handcuffs on the negro when Meyers walked up behind and with an oath placed a revolver at Wallace's head and fired. Wallace lived only ten minutes. He leaves a wife and two children.

## Pardoned Convict Slays Woman and Cuts Own Throat

(Associated Press.)

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 28.—Enraged because she had appeared against him yesterday in recorder's court where he faced a charge of disorderly conduct, Ed. White, a former convict, today attacked Ada Geddings with a knife in front of her home here. He then rushed into her home, lay down on a bed and cut his throat. Both were dead when officers arrived.

White who was forty years of age, was convicted here in 1899 and sentenced to life imprisonment for killing a woman. He was pardoned in 1913 by former Goernor Blease and recently had been employed at the capitol as night fireman. The Geddings woman was 38 years old.

## NEGRO SHOT AND KILLED FOR ATTACKING WHITE

Greensboro, Ga., October 31.—(Special.)—When Fred Whitehead attempted to separate two negroes who were fighting, the negroes attacked Mr. Whitehead and one of them, Charles Johns, was shot and killed. Mr. Askew, the only eye witness to the affair, stated that Mr. Whitehead acted in self-defense. The negroes were not natives of Green county, but were here with a saw mill. The killing happened about 12 o'clock today on the Armour place, seven miles from Greensboro.

## NEGRESS CUTS THROAT OF SISTER'S OPPONENT

Douglas, Ga., November 2.—(Special.) Carri Lott and Dorta Mack were engaged in a fight last night, both under influence of drink, when Cora, Carrie Lott's sister, ran in and severed Dorta's jugular artery, death resulting in eight minutes. Chief of Police Stevens with aids have landed Cora in jail in spite of her diligent and adroit attempts to escape. All the women are negroes.

## DRUNKEN NEGRO AMUCK ON WAYCROSS STREET

Waycross, Ga., April 4.—(Special.)—After he had tanked up on whisky today, Elza Ford, a negro, secured a pistol and tried to wipe out a corner gathering on lower Reynolds street. His aim was bad, and none of the shots took effect. The police caught Ford.

## NEGRO MAN FOUND DEAD

### Discovered by Children in Sawdust With Skull Crushed.

Vidalia, Ga., July 26.—(Special.)—A party of small children, while playing near the railroad track on Rocky Creek, about two miles south of Vidalia, found the body of a negro buried in a sawdust pile with only his hand sticking out.

The matter was reported to the authorities here and Coroner J. H. McCloskey was soon on the ground where the negro was murdered.

After investigation it was found that the man was murdered by crushing in the skull with some heavy weapon. No clue to the murderer was found, but the jury is still investigating.

## Small Negro Held; Charged He Killed Playmate in Fight

Silas Louis, a negro, aged 13, appeared before Recorder Johnson in police court Tuesday afternoon, charged with murdering Willie Holland Thursday, by stabbing him with a knife.

Evidence produced by several witnesses who saw the fight between the two boys was to the effect that Louis acted in self-defense, but he was held by Judge Johnson to appear before the grand jury.

The fight occurred near the home of Louis, corner Merritts avenue and Hunt street. His home is at 192 Merritts avenue.

### NEGRO CONFESSES MURDER

Special to The Advertiser.

DECATUR, ALA., April 29—Levi Oldacre the negro in the county jail here under sentence of death for the murder of Lewis Brown, a young white man, has just confessed to the killing and in his confession implicates Will Wiley and Will Johnston both negroes.

Oldacre claims that Wiley and Johnston held Brown while he shot him. Oldacre claims that Brown had some money that belonged to him. The trouble came up ove ra craps game. The shooting took place near Priceville, this county, some time ago.

## 6-YEAR-OLD NEGRO KILLS PLAYMATE WHO TOOK MARBLE

Macon, Ga., December 29.—(Special.) Eugene Brown, a Macon negro boy, is probably the youngest murderer in the state. He is just 6 years of age, and today shot and killed his playmate, Walter Jones, because the latter took a marble away from him and would not return it.

When the trouble arose the little negro ran into the house, got his father's pistol and blew the other boy's brains out.

The Jones boy was only 10 years old. The coroner's jury this afternoon held that the child was not responsible.

## JEFF STAPLES IS FREED.

### Acquitted of Charge of Murdering Son-in-Law.

Lawrenceville, Ga., December 17.—(Special.)—In Gwinnett superior court, which adjourned yesterday, Jeff Staples was acquitted of the charge of murder. He was accused of killing his son-in-law, Jake New, on July 4, 1914. The evidence showed that New and his wife were spending the day with Staples and his family and after dinner Staples and New went to Norcross and came back drunk. A row was started and Staples shot New when he was advancing on him with an open knife, after New had knocked down Staples' wife and broken her jaw bone. He was acquitted on his plea of self-defense.

Several other cases attracted much attention on account of the nature of the crimes and the parties involved. R. A. Nash was fined $350 and costs, and J. C. Jett got a sentence of $300 or twelve months and Tom King got twelve months in the chain gang and six months in jail. Walter Titshaw was sent up for four years for shooting at his aunt.

### ONE KILLED IN AFFRAY

ABERDEEN, MISS., Jan. 30—George Nichols, an insurance agent, was killed and four other men were wounded here late tonight in a shooting affray an outgrowth, it is said, of a minor quarrel several weeks ago between a relative of Nichols and Lamar Brewer, one of the men wounded. The shooting occurred on a prominent thoroughfare and was participated in by Nichols and Riley Honey on one side and Brewer and his three brothers on the other. Honey and three of the Brewers were wounded, none fatally. Fifteen shots were exchanged.

## Douglas Negro Killed.

Douglas, Ga., April 4.—(Special.)—Frank Dees, drinking, was ordered away from Henry Watte's house Friday night. Insulted thereby, he returned with a loaded gun and was shot dead while advancing with gun leveled on Watts. The coroner's jury, finding a gun in the grip of the dead man, loaded and cocked, rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide. Both are colored.

## Convict Is Killed.

Darien, Ga., August 11.—(Special.)—James Prindle, colored, a convict who was shot a few days ago by Guard John Robinson while attempting to escape, died at the camp. Prindle was sentenced at the last term of the superior court for burglary from the tailor shop of Isaac Osman, and was suspected of several other daring burglaries.

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## MARKS ON DEAD BODY SUGGEST FOUL PLAY

adv 10-2-15

(Special to The Advertiser)

PRATTVILLE, Oct. 1.—A body was found in the Alabama river near Autaugaville a few days since that proved to be a yellow negro about thirty-five years of age and from the state of decomposition of the body it had been in the river some week or ten days when found. The coroner held an inquest over the body but on account of the state it was impossible to hold it out long enough to find any witnesses who knew anything of the facts of death.

It has been learned since the body was buried that it was probably the body of Henry Todd who is missing from Lowndes county. The description fits for the Todd negro, and it is rumored among the negroes on the river in Autauga county that Henry Todd met his death by violence at the hands of some persons unknown here who went to the church and carried him away and nothing is known of him since. The sheriff of this county has been active to ascertain where the death of this person was caused.

## GREEK IS ARRESTED FOR KILLING NEGRO

adv 8-14-15

Special to The Advertiser.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Aug. 13—James Jamakis, a Greek, shot and killed Jennie Lee Coston, a negress, this morning at Ensley. The foreigner fired four shots into the body of the woman. A mittimus for his incarceration in the county jail on a charge of murder was issued by F. O. Harris, Judge of the Inferior Court at Ensley. The shooting is said to have been about some money. Coroner Spain is making an investigation.

## NEGROES FIGHT FOR BILL; GUN IS USED; TWO DEAD

adv 5-23-15

Special to The Advertiser.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA., May 22.—As a result of a dispute over $10, Charlie Ramsey and Lottie Brown, two negroes, are dead and the police are looking for Will Cook, a notorious negro desperado who did the shooting with a double barrel shot gun.

The shooting was done at close range and the head of Ramsey was almost blown off. Both the man and the woman died almost instantly. Cook has a long criminal record and is considered a dangerous character. The double murder took place in a house near the Mobile and Ohio passenger station late last night. Cook has not yet been captured.

### *Madison Negro Killed.*

Madison, Ga., December 17.—(Special.)—Tucker Brown, a negro, was shot and killed about three miles west of Madison last night by Ed Randall, another negro who has been arrested by the sheriff on suspicion. Brown objected to Randall paying attention to his daughter, and this, it is thought, caused an altercation which resulted in the killing.

## MISSISSSIPPI RIVER ISLAND CLEARED BY INFURATED MOB

adv 8-1-15

OSCEOLA, ARK., July 31.—Enraged by the killing of S. B. Mauldin, sheriff of Mississippi County, Arkansas, citizens today cleared Island 37, a bootlegger's rendezvous in the Mississippi River near here, of its inhabitants and applied the torch to the dozen or more frame buildings which housed the residents of the island. Eight white men and ten negroes were arrested and imprisoned here and at Marion and Blytheville, Ark. Tonight extra guards were placed about the jails to prevent mob violence.

Mauldin was killed early today in a battle between a posse of officers and citizens, and residents of the island who baricaded themselves in a cabin and contested the right of the Sheriff to arrest a negro, accused of the illicit sale of liquor. After Sheriff Mauldin had been killed the posse riddled the cabin with bullets. The occupants surrendered after they had exhausted their ammunition and one of their number, a negro, had been killed.

Later a mob of several hundred men visited the island, set fire to the buildings and arrested several men who escaped from the sheriff's posse.

Late tonight the mob had not disbanded and it was feared an attempt would be made to lynch the prisoners.

For years Island 37 has been virtually a "no man's land," because of a controversy as to whether Arkansas or Tennessee authorities had jurisdiction. The Mississippi River is the boundary line of the two States. It was stated tonight that Tennessee officials would claim the prisoners arrested today.

## THIRD NEGRO WAS KILLED IN RACE RIOT

adv 7-[illegible]-15

MACON, GA., July 6--With the ordering of an additional coffin today by the Jones county commissioners, it became known that a third negro [illegible] Palmer, was killed in the Jones county race rioting following the murder there Sunday of Silas Turner, a prominent planter. Another arrest also has been made in the case Peter Thurman, a negro, having been locked up on a charge of complicity in the killing.

## *TWO NEGROES CHARGED WITH KILLING MOORE*

Constitution 2-12-15

Waycross, Ga., February 11.—(Special.)—LeRoy Jones and Pink Butler, negroes, were brought to Waycross tonight from Glenmore, charged with killing Frank Moore, a white man, of Morristown, Tenn., last December. Moore was shot without warning.

## EMANUEL NEGRO KILLS HILLARY EDENFIELD

### Two Other Whites and One Negro Also Wounded Sunday Night.

Constitution 1-6-15

Swainsboro, Ga., July 5.—(Special.)—Hillary Edenfield was shot and instantly killed, Dottie Edenfield was also shot several times and is thought to be dying, J. W. Edenfield was shot and is not expected to live and an unknown negro, is also in a critical condition as a result of Willie Mills, colored, running amuck with a shotgun at the plantation of J. W. Edenfield, 5 miles from Stillmore, Ga., at 7 o'clock Sunday night.

The shooting was brought about by an argument between Hillary Edenfield and one of his tenants in a tenant house of which the latter is proprietor. The negro Mills interfered, and after several words drew his gun and instantly killed the white man.

J. W. Edenfield is reported to have joined the shooting, and the ran toward his home. When almost there he was met by a crowd, supposedly of negroes, and shot by them.

Sheriff Coursey, of Swainsboro, was notified, and is investigating the affair.

No trouble is feared from race riots, and the intense excitement of the first few hours has subsided.

Heavy drinking on the part of parties engaged in the affair is reported to have been the direct cause of the shooting.

## HENRY JACKSON, NEGRO, IS STABBED TO DEATH

adv

### Killing Occurred On Coosa Street Near Intersection of Bibb Monday Afternoon.

1-13-15

Henry Jackson alias Walter Burns, negro, died at a local infirmary yesterday morning from the effects of a stab he received the afternoon of the previous day from an unidentified negro.

Jackson was stabbed through the lung by a negro with whom he was walking along the street. According to eye witnesses there was no quarrel. The two men were walking along Coosa Street and upon reaching Bibb Street the unidentified negro struck Jackson in the breast. Witnesses saw no knife and thought that the blow was struck playfully, until Jackson fell to the sidewalk. It was then found that he was dangerously stabbed. The negro who struck the blow escaped.

Jackson, according to the police, was a convict who escaped from the city prison Christmas Day.

### *Negro Wanted for Murder.*

Constitution 1-29-15

Police and detectives are trying to locate George Brown, a negro, aged 23, charged with the murder Sunday afternoon of his wife, Estell Brown, aged 22, in the basement of 344 Piedmont avenue.

## *GIRLS CLAIM INSULT; FATHER KILLS NEGRO*

Constitution 3-3-15

Macon, Ga., March 30.—(Special.)—R. E. Morgan, of 210 Sixth avenue, shot and killed Albert Wells, a negro, late yesterday, claiming that the negro had insulted his two little daughters after meeting them on the Clinton road and ordering them not to run away from him, under threat of killing them if they did.

The two girls hastened away and notified their father of what had happened. Mr. Morgan secured his shotgun and went to the place where the girls said the negro had been. The negro was seated beside the road and was identified by the girls as the one who had stopped them. Mr. Morgan promptly blew off the negro's head.

Later he was exonerated by a coroner's jury.

## DOTHAN MAN IS KILLED IN GEORGIA GUN FIGHT

### Will Holland Shot In Lucile, Ga., By Brother of the Mayor of Columbia.

adv 4-20-15

Special to The Advertiser.

DOTHAN, ALA., April 19.—In a gun fight at Lucile, Ga., near Columbia, Will Holland, a prominent citizen of this community, was shot and killed by Alto Wilkerson, a brother of the mayor of Columbia, according to news reaching here today. Wilkerson received a flesh wound in the hip from a bullet.

According to Wilkerson's version of the difficulty, as heard in Dothan today, a dispute arose over a cow, and this precipitated the fight. Wilkerson claims, it is said, that Will Holland fired first, discharging five bullets, one of which landed in the hip, before Wilkerson opened fire. Then Alto Wilkerson fired twice, one bullet striking Will Holland in the head and the other in the body.

Both men are prominently connected. Will Holland is a brother of Dr. S. P. Holland, a well known physician of Columbia, who owns the plantation near Columbia where the difficulty occurred, it is said. Alto Wilkerson is a brother of Mayor E. W. Wilkerson of Columbia, and Rev. C. C. Wilkerson of the Alabama Methodist Conference.

## "BOB" MAJORS LAID TO REST.

### Shot to Death by Irate Father-in-law—Burial With Distinguished Honors —Dr. S. J. Johnson, of Metropolitan, Officiates at Funeral —Shootist, Lewis Butler, Captured.

In a former issue we gave account of the death of Mr. Majors. Below we append notes on his funeral:

Austin, Tex., May 24.—"Bob" Majors, thirty years a mail clerk here, 33 degree Mason, member Metropolitan church, Knight of Pythias and Ancient Order of Pilgrims, was buried here in Oakwood cemetery, Thursday, May 20th.

Butler was arrested near Manor about 8 or 10 miles from Austin Sunday, May 23rd, by Deputy Sheriff Elliott of Sprinkle, who lodged him here in the county jail.

Rev. J. J. Hardeman preached at Metropolitan Sunday. Rev. Johnson attended commencement at Paul Quinn this week.

## *NEGRO BAPTIZING AT COLUMBUS ENDS IN FATAL SHOOTING*

Constitution 9-13-15

Columbus, Ga., September 12.—(Special.)—A negro baptizing in the Chattahoochee river on the place of G. Gunby Jordan was brought to an abrupt and startling close this afternoon when A. J. Hill, a negro, shot and killed Stanford Harper, another negro, who charged him with stealing a half pint of whisky, which he had at the baptizing for the purpose of selling it.

It was just at the end of the ceremoney when the negro pastor was coming out of the water, followed by the negroes whom he had baptized, while about five hundred on the banks were singing and shouting. The negro who did the killing was standing near the water's edge. When the Harper negro came up he accused him of stealing a half pint of whisky. The negro denied it, and one word brought on another and finally brought the guns into play.

The crowd forgot all about shouting and scattered to the four winds, leaving the preacher and those baptized in the water. The Hill negro took to the hill and was later arrested by Sheriff Jesse Beard and lodged in the Muscogee county jail. He claims self-defense. The negroes were much excited and aided in the chase of the fugitive.

## NEGROES FIGHT DUEL AND ONE MEETS DEATH

adv 8-29-15

Special to The Advertiser.

FORT DEPOSIT, ALA., Aug. 28.—Sydney Lasise, a negro, was killed, and Albert Bragg, of the same race, wounded in a duel between the two which occurred near here this morning. Both used double barrel shot guns in the fight.

Bragg according to information, fired both barrels of his gun into Lassie's stomach, and had turned to run away when the dying negro lifted himself and fired. The shot struck Bragg in the back and in the head, inflicting slight injuries. Bragg was arrested and was bound over by Magistrate J. D. Lamar to await action of the grand jury.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 3.—[illegible] Collins is a regular subscri[illegible] Express. Mrs. [illegible] has returned from a trip [illegible] fires in South Texas. There [illegible] sets of tickets, King and Ant[illegible] Democrats, running for the Municipal offices here. Over nine thousand poll taxes have been paid in the city. The Chamber of Commerce has set aside two rooms for press representatives interested in the Willard-Johnson fight. Willard is here training. Johnson is coming an unknown route. Here and there we find colored men out of jobs. Mr. Lee Clark cut Mr. Wm. Mallory of California to death last week. They were connected with the race track. Mr. Geo. W. Maroney is

sick. Mrs. Crane has returned from her school. Rev. H. R. Wilson is here. Rev. G. W. Robinson, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, preached at A. M. E. Sunday. Mrs. Mattjoy, Mrs. P. C. Cleman and Mrs. Nora Smith are sick. The postoffice department has appointed Mr. Fitzhugh Lee Banks (colored) a regular letter carrier. This makes five colored letter carriers here work looked well. He was compli mented on all sides.

BELLS MILL, VA.

On last Sunday evening Mr. James E. Banks was stabbed by Rowland Bowser on the public roads near the crossing of the Cedar Works. He died immediately. Mr. Banks came to this community from Southampton County about twelve years ago. He leaves a wife and many friends. His funeral was held from the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church Wednesday, May 18th.

Mr. G. W. Nicholas, who for the last three years, has been unable to take care of his family was pounded by the children of the Juvenile Branch, to whom he is very grateful.

Rev. Davis very able filled his pulpit at Lee Chapel on Sunday last. On Thursday evening, May 13th, a pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Rev. W. E. Smith, when Miss Minnie Smith became the bride of Mr. Merdie .L. Stuart. Rev. J. H Alexander performed the ceremony.

## *Atlanta Negro Charged With Murdering Wife Caught in Los Angeles*

Night Chief of Police E. L. Jett received a telegram from Chief of Police C. E. Sebastian, of Los Angeles, Cal., last night to the effect that James Ellis, negro, wanted here for murdering his wife shortly before Christmas, had been arrested in Los Angeles.

Ellis formerly lived on McDaniel street, where, the police say, he murdered his wife a few weeks ago. He fled before the hands of the law could be laid upon him.

Chief Jett has made arrangements with Solicitor Dorsey to supply an Atlanta police officer with requisition papers, and the police officer will today leave for California to bring the fugitive back to Atlanta for trial.

## *ESA, SYRIAN, OF MACON, INDICTED FOR MURDER*

Macon, Ga., December 21.—(Special.) Ayad Esa, the Syrian who is charged with the murder of his roommate, J. Hassan, was indicted today by the grand jury and he will be tried at the January term of court. Esa will plead self-defense.

# TEXAS POLICE MURDERS RACE MAN EXONERATED?

### Shoots Five Times and Kills Owner of Lunch Counter—Searches House After Crime and Finds Old Rusty Pistol—Says He Thought Man Had Gun.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 17.—John Johnson, who for the past year and a half had been one of Dallas' most respected citizens and who owned and operated a lunch counter, was shot to death Dec. 8 in cold-blooded murder by Policeman Foster. John Fay (white), near whose saloon Johnson had operated his lunch room, said: "I regarded Johnson as what we know as a good man. He was hard working and attended to business and I never saw him with a gun. He usually left at about 7:30 or 8, after closing his lunch room."

The corner where the man was murdered is well lighted by an arc lamp, although the streets are dark a few yards from the corner. Foster has been a special policeman for some time and recently he was put on steady. While on Floyd street he spied a man coming down the street, passing along unconcerned. Seeing that he wasn't white, Foster was ready to show his authority. Johnson had his hands in his overcoat pocket. "Throw up your hands!" shouted Foster, and as Johnson went to obey the command the southern officer fired five shots, three of which took effect. The wounded man ran about seventy-five feet to his house and dropped dead on the floor. The officer ran down the street, reloaded his revolver and returned.

Messrs. Baily and Asperson (white), hearing the shooting, followed Johnson into the house. Foster telephoned for an ambulance, saying he had killed a d—— n——. Two detectives and a newspaper reporter responded and, finding no gun on Johnson, they proceeded to search the house. There, in a drawer, they found a Colt's of 38-caliber, one which the dead man had bought to protect his home against the southern brutes. The gun, however, was an old one. Two eyewitnesses to the shooting claim that they saw two men on the corner and heard some shots soon afterwards. Baily, who was in the house at the time when the police arrived, said: "Some police official—I think it was the chief—asked Foster: 'Did Johnson have a gun?' and Foster said he did, that it was in the dead man's overcoat pocket, but they failed to find it there." It was on the dining room table, where the detectives had laid it after finding it, so it would appear that Johnson had laid it there when he entered. The dead man never passed through the dining room. It is simply a case of the many and many murders of our people throughout the South by these newly appointed police officers.

# EXCITED CROWD HEARS JOHSON MURDER TRIAL

### Situation Is Tense and Demonstration Momentarily Expected in Scottsboro Court Room.

SCOTTSBORO, ALA., May 28.—Perhaps never before in the history of the county has a preliminary trial caused such intense interest as that of Tom Johnson which was held here this week. Johnson is charged with the killing of James Bone, who was found shot to death near his home above Kyles, several miles north of here, on Sunday, May 2.

When the trial began at 9:30 o'clock the room was packed to overflowing. Every available seat was occupied. A solid wall of humanity filled the room. The doors were blocked by curious faces and the lobby outside the room was a packed mass of interested parties.

Probably the most weighty evidence given was that of Will Snelson, son of the Mrs. Snelson, at whose home Johnson is said to have spent Saturday night previous to the killing on Sunday morning. He said he saw Johnson leave his mother's home carrying a shotgun and go in the direction of the place where the murdered man was found, and that a little while afterwards he heard shots in the same direction. He did not state whether or not he saw Johnson again.

The examination of witnesses was completed about 3:30 in the afternoon, five hours having been taken up. The substance of the verdict was that the prisoner be remanded to jail without bail to await the action of the grand jury.

Throughout the trial a wave of excitement and curiosity prevailed over the audience. Expectancy and uneasiness were written on every face. A demonstration was momentarily looked for. Officers patroled the room. When a new witness was called the crowd rose to its feet as at a given signal. A feeling that something unusual was about to happen was in evidence at all times. When the prisoner was brought into the room at the beginning of the examination a hushed silence fell over the audience. Johnson, standing over six feet in height, was the target of every eye.

When in the course of the proceedings the defendant was carried into an adjoining room by his lawyer quite a bit of excitement was caused when a report that the prisoner had leaped from a nearby window and was making his escape. The crowd, keyed to a high tension, broke all bonds of restrains and rushed pellmell from the room, a veritable stampede of humanity. However, Johnson made no attempt to get away.

## HUGULEY UNDER BOND FOR KILLING COUSIN

Special to The Advertiser.

SEALE, ALA., Jan. 29.—The preliminary trial of Cosco Huguley, charged with killing his cousin, Ben Huguley, at Crawford, on January 7, was held before Judge Benton yesterday and today and Huguley was released from jail under $7,000 bond.

Huguley was represented by Colonel Barnes of Opelika, Judge A. A. Evans of Montgomery and Ferrel and Glenn of Seale. F. M. deGraffenried of Seale assisted Solicitor Waddell in the prosecution. A large crowd from the Crawford community attended the trial.

# MYSTERIOUS KILLING OF NEGRO PHYSICIAN

### Dr. Oliver, White, Shoots Dr. Thompson, Colored, at Elberton, Ga.

Elberton, Ga., February 19.—(Special.)—In a mysterious shooting in his office at Elberton, Ga., Dr. A. S. Oliver, a physician and prominent citizen, shot and killed Dr. J. P. Thompson, a negro physician, Friday evening. No action has been taken by the police it is said, but a statement from Oliver is awaited.

No known reason for the shooting which took place in the Oliver building, about 6 o'clock, has been assigned. The two men were alone at the time Oliver retired to his home and could not be reached for a statement.

Thompson was a negro of considerable property. Dr. Oliver will probably make a public statement tomorrow setting forth the facts.

## GREENVILLE MAN WHO KILLS NEGRO IS FREE

Special To The Advertiser.

GREENVILLE, Sept. 13—Ollie McCarter, a young white man of Greenville, who killed S. Robinson, a negro on Saturday morning, was given a hearing Saturday afternoon before Judge A. T. Ramage and was acquitted. Robinson drew a shot gun on young McCarter and was just ready to pull the trigger when the latter drew his pistol and shot the negro in the abdomen.

## *POSSES STILL SEARCH FOR SHERIFF'S SLAYERS*

Albany, December 20.—Posses today still were searching for several negroes who fought a pitched battle with officers Saturday night, resulting in the killing of Sheriff D. R. Moreland. It is reported here they have arrested Jim Keith, the negro Moreland was trying to arrest when the shooting began. Threats of lynching have been heard, and officers are reticent as to any information of arrests they may have.

## *NEGRO CONFESSES HE SLEW GLEATON; HIDDEN BY SHERIFF*

Cordele, Ga., January 21.—(Special.) Following his arrest Wednesday at Arlington, Luther Stevens, the negro implicated by Arnold Bivers, another negro, now held in jail here, confessed to Sheriff Ward, of Crisp county, that he was the assassin of Thomas E. Gleaton. Stevens implicated a negro woman in connection with the crime, who, upon her arrest, denied the statement of the negro.

It is alleged that Bivens knew of a conspiracy to assassinate the farmer. Officers are working on clews that may lead to additional sensational developments.

Sheriff Ward came back from Albany Wednesday night, and it is thought that the alleged murderer was taken by other parties and placed in jail in a near-by town for safekeeping.

# FARMER KILLS TENANT, THEN TAKES OWN LIFE

### Milton Aaron Angered Because His Young Son Eloped With Daughter of Sam Ware.

Lexington, Ga., April 26.—(Special.)—After killing Sam Ware, one of his tenants, yesterday afternoon, Milton L. Aaron, a prominent planter near here, took his own life by shooting himself through the heart. His body was found this morning near his home by a Mr. Jennings, a neighbor.

Last week Aaron's young son eloped with and married Ware's 11-year-old daughter. Aaron charged that Ware brought about the match and became enraged when he learned of the marriage.

Is is the belief here that Aaron went to see Ware and started a quarrel with him. He pulled his pistol and shot ware twice in the back and one time in the shoulder. He died almost instantly.

Returning to his home, Aaron told his wife that he was leaving and asked her to make a search for him, saying his body would be found near the home. She did not take him seriously, but later heard the report of his pistol. A search was instituted, but his body was not found until this morning.

Both men leave large families. They were well known in this section, having resided here for many years.

## SELF-DEFENSE CLAIMED AS CAUSE OF KILLING

Joe Scotland, negro was shot and instantly killed by Robert Watson, negro, at the corner of Jeff Davis avenue and Holt street at 10:30 o'clock Thursday night. Watson was shot through the left wrist by Scotland, and he was arrested by bicycle officers Berry and Pettus several blocks from the scene of the shooting about fifteen minutes after it occurred.

At the police station last night, Watson said that he had purchased some whiskey from Scotland and got drunk,. While in an intoxicated condition he began cursing and Scotland then pulled his pistol and began shooting at him. Watson claims that he shot Scotland after he was hit by a bullet fired from Scotland's pistol

### ANOTHER WOMAN KILLED.

On last Tuesday night Mrs. Daisy Smith of 1020 Forest avenue was shot through the abdomen by Martin Dale, one of the best known men about town, and died the following morning at the hospital. Our reporter was unable to learn the cause of this unfortunate affair and at the time of going to press Dale has not been apprehended.

Killings — 1915

## BILLY TRAYLOR SHOT AND INSTANTLY KILLED.

The Freeman
March 31 1915

Special to The Freeman.

GREENVILLE, Tex., March 31.—A terrible tragedy took place at Lula Ambrose's home last Saturday at noon in which John Traylor lost his life.

John Traylor, better known as Billy Traylor, was shot and instantly killed on West Polk street. According to physicians who examined the body, he was hit five or six times. In the house at the time of the killing were John Traylor, Joe Glasgow, Lula Ambrose and her sister Katy. Joe Glasgow is claimed to have done the killing. A thirty-eight caliber revolver was used, but only four of its chambers were empty. The fifth cartridge shows that the gun had been snapped, but failed to discharge. Traylor was hit twice in the right arm, once in the left side and twice in the head. There was a .22 target gun in the room in which the killing took place. The cartridge showed it had been snapped without exploding. Sheriff Akers was telephoned to immediately after the shooting and started an investigation of the trouble. He arrested Joe Glasgow and placed him in jail and later arrested Lula Ambrose and her sister and placed them in jail, but they were released shortly afterward. It is claimed that Taylor was drunk and causing a disturbance, and also that he fired the first shot at Glasgow but missed him. Then, Glasgow, claims, he took the gun and shot him. Taylor was about 47 or 48 years of age and had lived here for a number of years and was living at the Ambrose home. He worked for a number of years with the Greenville Ice Co. Traylor was well known and well liked by both whites and blacks.

Joe Glasgow is 30 years of age and has been here some two years and was working at the compress and was considered a very quiet man. He also lived at the Ambrose home.

Traylor's remains were shipped to Pittsburg for burial Sunday morning, March 28, accompanied by his son and Mr. E. W. Williams, of the A. D. Key undertaking establishment.

Mrs. Riella May Weathers spent a few days in Dallas with her husband and has returned home.

Mrs. Margaret Sanders is very ill with an attack of lagrippe.

Mrs. Jane Pratt and T. W., Jr., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. Blye, of Lamar county.

The K. of P. annual sermon was held at New Hope church Sunday, which was largely attended. Rev. L. H. Crawford preached the annual sermon.

Mr. Bess Scott spent Saturday night with home folks.

Mr. H. M. McWilliam was off a few days on account of sickness.

Miss Emma G. Holly has returned home after a three months' visit in Fort Worth.

The meeting of the Young Men's Intellectual Forum was postponed on account of the K. of P. sermon, but the regular program will be carried out Sunday, April 4. Those on the program please take notice.

Rev. Lynn is in the city to hold his first quarterly conference.

Rev. Dr. Scott preached at N. H. Baptist church Sunday, March 28. All the churches of the city are making big preparations for a grand Easter, April 4, with special Easter programs.

The Freeman on sale every Saturday at the Pastime Theater, W. D Pratt, reporter.

New York Herald

27 June 19[illegible]

# WOMAN SLAIN BY NEGRO BUTLER WHO ENDS HIS OWN LIFE

### Master of House Away at Funeral When Murderer Shoots Victim.

### MYSTERY IN CRIME AND STRANGE SUICIDE

### Slayer Improvised Gallows for Himself and Then Fired Bullet Into Head.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Saturday.—"Joe" Thomas, a negro butler in the employ of Frederick E. Hastings, secretary of the Dill & Collins Paper Company, shot and killed Miss Hattie Watson, sister-in-law of his employer, at the Hastings residence, Berkley and Fairfield avenues, Devon, this morning.

The murder done, Thomas went out into the barn back of the Hastings house, adjusted a rope noose over a rafter and knotted it about his throat. Then, standing upon a box and retaining his hold upon the revolver with which he had shot Miss Watson, Thomas fired a bullet into his own brain.

In his struggles the murderer kicked from under him the supporting box. The slipknot tightened about his throat with the added weight and he was dead when found dangling from the rafter.

The motive for the crime is unknown to members of the Hastings household and to residents of the vicinity, in which the family is widely known and respected.

Mr. Hastings was not at home to-day when the tragedy occurred. He had left Devon early this morning to attend a funeral. So far as can be ascertained Miss Watson and the colored butler were the only persons about the house when Thomas' murderous outbreak ended both their lives.

Neighbors had seen Miss Watson seated on the porch of the house after breakfast and it was there that her body was found.

**Motive of Crime a Mystery.**

Before the first person aroused by the report of the revolver reached the scene she was dead. The single bullet fired at her, apparently from behind, had pierced her body in the region of the heart.

Immediate search was made for the murderer. The report of a second shot fired from the direction of the barn in the rear of the house furnished the clew. Dangling from a rafter, still breathing, swayed the body of the colored butler. It was not clear whether death resulted from the bullet or from strangulation.

The overturned box and other mute evidences of what had occurred explained the means taken by the murderer to end his own life, but no one has been able to fathom the motive. Thomas, who was about forty years old, had been in the service of the Hastings family about seven months.

"My wife, myself and our son were attending the funeral of William Harrar when we learned of the terrible crime," said Mr. Hastings.

"I cannot tell why Thomas would want to take the life of my sister. He and his wife have been in our employ since November last. He acted as a butler and the woman as a chambermaid. The two occupied the second floor of the barn, which has been fitted up as living quarters for our servants.

# A HORRIBLE MURDER

### Mrs. Harvey Johnson Shot and Instantly Killed by Albert Rogers—Trouble Between Women the Cause Leading Up to the Tragedy.

The Kansas City Star
7-20-15

### ROGERS AND WIFE IN JAIL

### Body Sent to Hot Springs, Ark.

**One of those regrettable tragedies that occur from time to occurred in this city last Friday evening at 8 o'clock, when Albert Rogers, a well known young man about town and a nephew of Al Rogers, well known throughout the West, shot and instantly killed Mrs. Fannie Johnson, 26 years old, wife of Harvey Johnson, an employe of the Kansas City Athletic Club, and a member of one of the Masonic lodges in this city.**

**Although we have been unable to get an accurate statement of the difficulties leading up to the murder, we are informed that it was a continuation of quarrels started some time ago over Mrs. Rogers accepting a position that had formerly been held by Mrs. Johnson, and upon Mrs. Johnson's return to the place of employment they refused to re-employ her, but said they preferred keeping Mrs. Rogers. This lead to a personal difficulty in which Rogers claims both he and his wife were severely beaten by the Johnsons. He claims to have appealed to the police department for protection and also to the prosecuting attorney's office, but they considered it only a trivial affair and gave him no satisfaction, and fearing further trouble, he had placed a revolver in his pocket, and as he and his wife were walking down Troost avenue they met Mrs. Johnson and a young man said to be her nephew and the difficulty was immediately renewed.**

**What transpired no one seems to know except the persons directly concerned. But eye witnesses say that after the exxchange of a few blows a pistol shot rang out and Mrs. Johnson sank to the pavement lifeless. The ball entered the left breast, penetrated the heart and lodged in the back, death resulting instantly.**

**Upon the arrival of the coroner the body was ordered to Countee's undertaking establishment where the inquest was held, the jury recommending that Mr. and Mrs. Rogers be held without bond. The body of Mrs. Johnson was taken to Hot Springs, Ark., her former home, for burial.**

# HOLDUPS HINDERED.

The Dallas Express
4/3/15

### CITY COUNCIL PURPORTS TO RENDER HOLDUPS LESS FREQUENT BY LIGHTING THE DARK ALLEYS—MRS. MARY ROBBED.

# WOMAN, MAN'S FATE

Dallas Express

### Emma Dillard Shoots Calvin (Tom) Moore Four Times With 38-Calibre—Bullet Piercing His Heart

### The Effecting One—Other Notes of Interest.

Gainesville, Tex., April 1.—City Council purports to render holdus less frequent by lighting the dark alleys. Mr. Frank Dupree while in act of passing entrance to one of these, was held up and searched, but Mr. Dupree was careful not to have any money on his person. Near the same spot (N. Central portion of city), Mrs. Mary was hel dup and relieved of $4.00 Monday night. Assailants in both cases are believed to be members of the dominant race. Mrs. Emma Dillard shot and killed one Calvin (Tom) Moore, formerly of Honey Grove, Texas. Four shots from a 38-calibre pistol entered Moore's body. The first under left

# THREE WHITE MEN SHOT BY A NEGRO

Constitution
2-14-15

### One Dead, Others Mortally Wounded — Negro Takes Refuge in House and Defies Worth County Posse.

Ashburn, Ga., February 13.—Three men who were traveling a lonely road near Doles, in Worth county, were fired upon by a negro at 9 o'clock tonight. One of the men was killed and the other two are believed to be fatally wounded. The negro is reported to be surrounded and a pitched battle is on.

West McDonald, 28 years old, a prominent farmer of Worth county, is dead.

Preston McDonald, 20 years old, his brother, is said to be dying.

Frank Davis, 20 years old, is reported fatally wounded.

No motive for the shooting is known here.

Cries of the wounded men attracted the attention of negro farm hands who heard the shooting. They notified white people living nearby, who found the dead and wounded lying in the roadway.

Night Policeman Tom McDonald, of this city, a brother of the dead man, and a posse of twenty men started for the scene an hour after the shooting.

Armed citizens already were reported to have the negro surrounded in a house near the scene of the shooting. The negro is said to have defied any one to attempt to take him.

# MURDER MYSTERY CLEARED UP BY ARREST OF SECOND NEGRO

Daily Post

## Abe Shelton, Charged With Death of Chas. Bourgeois, Made Statement Corroborating Story Told Police by Henry Sampson.

Houston

3/18/13

The capture of the second negro charged with murder in connection with the slaying of Charles J. Bourgeois, who was found burned to death in his store on Market street two weeks ago, and a statement made by him Monday afternoon to the police, marked the final chapter in clearing up one of the most baffling crimes that has confronted the police in years.

Police detectives arrested the negro, Abe Shelton, alias "Cotton Eye" at Humble shortly after 1 o'clock Monday afternoon.

His statement of the tragedy is similar in nearly every particular with that of Henry Sampson, the first negro arrested. In its most essential part, covering the actual killing of the bachelor storekeeper and the burning of his body and store, the two statements do not differ materially. Sampson told the police that he struck the first blows that rendered Mr. Bourgeois unconscious, using a coupling pin. He said that the storekeeper groaned and that Shelton then took the pin and beat the merchant over the head until his brains oozed out.

### ADMITS STRIKING THE FINAL BLOWS

Shelton admits striking the final blows, and seeing the brains spatter the floor, but he asserts that Sampson threatened his life with a butcher knife if he refused to do so.

The statement follows as it was given to the police and signed before three citizens acting as witnesses:

"My name is Abram Shelton. I live on Bayou street and was born on January 18, 1897. I am now 18 years of age. Both my father and mother are dead. I have known Henry Sampson about two or three years, and have been running with him about that time.

"I was at Henry's house that evening. I did not eat supper with him, but he told me about going to the store run by Mr. Charley and that we could get good boneless ham there. We went there about 7 o'clock, and Henry told me to go in and buy a nickel's worth of boneless ham; that was about 9 o'clock. We sat outside in front of the store from about 7:30 till about 9 o'clock. Henry Sampson got this coupling pin which you show me out from under the corner of his house before we left and carried it kinder under his blue coat.

### WENT IN AND BOUGHT SOME BONELESS HAM.

"When Mr. Charley got ready to close up we went on in the store and I bought the nickel's worth of boneless ham, and when I got it and paid for it Henry Sampson wanted me to buy another nickel's worth, and I told him that I had no other nickel, and he said he would pay for it, and for me to go ahead and buy it. I ordered the other nickel's worth of meat, and Mr. Charley started toward the butcher shop and got past me and right close to Henry Sampson, when Henry Sampson took this coupling pin from under his coat and hit Mr. Charley over the head and he staggered, then he hit him again and Mr. Charley fell to the floor. Henry Sampson took his watch and chain off of him as soon as he fell to the floor and went through his pockets and got his gun and his keys, and went on over behind the counter to look for his money and Mr. Charley was lying on the floor right close to the front door, groaning, and Sampson come on back to the front of the store where I was standing and told me to take the bar of iron and hit him over the head some more. At first I would not do it until he got a butcher knife after me and made me hit him over the head. He seemed to think that Mr. Charley might not be dead, so he picked up the iron himself and hit him once more over the head. That is the same piece of iron that Henry Sampson and I hit Mr. Charley with that you show me now. Mr. Charley must have been hit over the head four or five times, and his brains were all coming out of his head, and I am sure he was dead.

### WENT THROUGH STORE SEARCHING FOR VALUABLES.

"I stayed near the front of the place and Henry Sampson went all through the place looking for what he could find. He found a tin money box with a whole lot of money in it somewhere behind the counter and he took all the money out of the cash register, and he got some tobacco. Then he went and got a bucket and went to the big can of oil and pumped some out in the bucket and poured it on Mr. Charley's body, then poured some more oil in some other places about the store and then he turned the barrel over so the rest of it would run all over the floor. Then he tried to set fire to it, but the first time the match went out and then he lit a piece of paper and set fire to one place in the back of the store and another place right by Mr. Charley's dead body. Mr. Charley fell right against the front door when he was hit and his body stayed there till he, Sampson, got ready to pour the oil on it and then he pulled it back far enough so the door could open and that is where it was left burning when we went out of the front door.

"We went on out Market street to the Aransas Pass tracks and then out the tracks to where Mr. Nicholson's pear orchard is, right where the street car crosses the railroad track and we cut the tin box open on the side with a knife and then threw the knife away. Sampson took all of the money out of the box and gave me about $30 as near as I can tell. We then threw the box in the ditch right along side of the track where there was a lot of water with some oil on it. Sampson threw the tobacco which he had gotten from the store in that same ditch up near a bridge. We then went on up the Aransas Pass tracks to the Southern Pacific tracks and in towards town on the Southern Pacific tracks and when we were walking along we could see the flames over at the store. Sampson told me that we were sure lucky to get that far away before the flames broke out, and he said: 'The good Lord is sure with us. That sure was smooth work, and there ain't no chance for anybody to find out about it; they will think that man's house just caught fire and he burned up.' We went on in towards the International and Great Northern tracks and later we separated, and I went home and went to bed.

### BOUGHT SHOES WITH SOME O FTHE MONEY.

"I bought this pair of shoes which I have on with part of the money and got a pair of my pants out of soak. I lost the balance of the money shooting craps.

"I have known Mr. Charley for about three years. He ran the store there on the corner on Market street. I do not remember his last name, but everybody called him Mr. Charley. He lived right there at the store and as far as I knew there was no one that lived there with him. He was the only one there the night that we hit him in the head and robbed him and burned his place.

"When he divided the money Henry Sampson kept the watch and chain and the pistol. The pistol was loaded with four loaded shells and one empty. Henry Sampson took the loads out of it and put them in the bottom of his trunk. This is the same pistol which you now show me that came out of Mr. Charley's pocket, and this is the same watch and chain that was taken off of him the night he was killed.

"The next day I was over to Henry Sampson's house and he told me that he had told a negro woman about what we had done, and then she talked to me and told me that I had better keep still and say nothing about it—that she knew what Henry and I had done.

# JEALOUS LOVER ENDS LIFE IN SPECTACULAR MANNER

## Kills Woman Then Stands On Bank of Creek in Face of Pursuers and Kills Self

Petersburg, Va., August 23.—As the result of a jealous rage murder and suicide was committed in Chesterfield county a short distance from this city shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the bodies of both the murdered woman and that of the suicide, a Negro man, are at the undertaking establishment of Epps and Page in this city to be prepared for burial.

The couple, Percy Bailey, alias Percy Williams and Ellen Green, both colored, left here yesterday afternoon, shortly after 5 o'clock on a Richmond and Petersburg car. They left the car at stop 63, near Swift Creek and engaged in a quarrel. Bailey drew a revolver and fired a bullet through the woman's heart, killing her instantly. The tragedy was witnessed by an automobile party who gave pursuit to Bailey as he fled down the Richmond and Petersburg Turnpike, toward Swift Creek. As he neared Swift Creek T. R. Ashby attempted to apprehend him but he broke loose and running to a point near the middle of the county bridge, which spans Swift Creek placed the revolver against his breast and fired a bullet through his heart, the body falling in the creek. The body was recovered shortly afterwards.

# THREE WOMEN SEE NEGRO; IS HANGED IN YARD OF JAIL

## Widow of Murdered Man, Her Daughter and Sister Watch Trap Sprung

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## BARRICADES HIS CELL

Special to The Advertiser.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Aug. 6—Millard Carpenter, negro, was hanged this morning in the county jail yard for the murder on October 4, 1913, of J. T. Camp, a well known transfer man. The negro mounted the gallows at 10:55 o'clock and 18 minutes after the trap was sprung was pronounced dead. The usual crowd of deputies and others watched the execution. Mrs. Camp, widow of the deceased, and her daughter and a sister, besides a brother of the deceased, attended the hanging and stood within a few feet of the gallows. A piece of the rope used in hanging the negro was given to one of the members of the family.

When deputy sheriffs and Sheriff Batson went to the condemned man's cell at 9 o'clock this morning to start on the preparations for the execution, Carpenter, who was in a cell with Joe Mullins, another condemned negro, had barricaded his cell door and had gotten a piece of steel from off his cot. He defied any one to enter the cell.

The negro was told by the several deputies that if he attempted to hurt anyone he would be shot down. Pieces of pipe, pistols and other weapons were held with the belief that the negro might attempt something desperate. A heavy piece of scantling was gotten and efforts made to batter down the door. Rev. Father Malone, a priest, went up to the cell and urged the negro to give up quietly. Finally the negro gave in and came out of the place though there were several drawn revolvers ready to use on him in case there was any effort to do anyone bodily harm.

The negro began dressing himself and, still excited, said that he was not afraid of anybody, not even 5,000 men, but he cooled down and said that he would not hurt any one. He asked one of the deputies to take his picture and send a copy to a brother and give one of the condemned negroes one also. He smoked a cigarette in the office just before the death warrant was read to him. He was handcuffer as he was led from the jail to the yard. He went up the stairs lightly. On the gallows he said that he was satisfied to die, that he had enjoyed this world and that he thanked all the jail officials for the kindness shown him.

Vassar Allen, attorney for Carpenter, made a strong appeal for executive interference with the hanging, a reprieve pending further information as to the crime, the negro claiming that he shot Mr. Camp in self defense. Mr. Allen was in Montgomery today but telephoned the Sheriff that the Governor had declined to do anything for the negro. The body of Carpenter was taken in charge by the county after the hanging and was sent to the Potter's field.

# NEGROES WERE HANGED AS SPECTATORS SANG

Constitution 8-7-13

## "There Is Land of Pure Delight" — Seven Men Legally Executed and 2 Lynched.

Jackson, Miss., August 6.—Three negroes were hanged today in Mississippi for murder. At Starkville a crowd estimated to number several thousand persons witnessed the public execution of Peter Bolen and Jim Seales, convicted of killing another negro. Bunyan Walter was hanged at Fayetteville for the murder of Tom Seals.

At the request of the doomed negroes, the crowd at Starkville, in which there were many negroes, sang the hymn, "There Is a Land of Pure Delight," just before the trap was sprung. The gallows was built in a natural amphitheater, in a large pasture encircled by hills, which afforded the spectators an unobstructed view of the hangings. Soft drink and candy vendors sold their wares among the crowd while it waited for the execution of the sentences.

### 4 MEN HANGED IN ALABAMA.

Montgomery, Ala., August 6.—Four persons were legally executed in Alabama today, Governor Henderson refusing to grant reprieves in all cases.

At Evergreen, Robert Watkins and John Salter, negroes, were hanged while a squad of militiamen stood guard. The negroes murdered Mrs. Mary Lasseter, a white woman, left Wiley House, a planter, for dead and burned the farmhouse.

At Cullman, George James, white, was hanged for the murder, in Decatur, of George Clayburn. James shot Clayburn through an open window while the latter was reading his Bible at night.

Millard Carpenter, a negro, was hanged at Birmingham for the murder two years ago of John T. Camp, a transfer man.

### Cordele Negro Killed.

Cordele, Ga., July 6.—(Special.)—Rodger Scally, a negro farm hand in the employ of J. Slade Cato, was shot and killed last night by Will Sherman, a negro on the farm of Leo Mercer. The trouble seems to have been about a negro woman.

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# CONECUH NEGROES CONFESS HERE TO EVERGREEN CRIME

## Alleged Murderers of Mrs. Lassiter Brought Here for Safe Keeping

advertiser 6-28-15

## ROBBERY WAS MOTIVE

A confession is said to have been made by John Salter and Robert Watkins, negro ex-convicts, to jail authorities here Sunday, to the shooting, cutting and robbing of Wiley House, an Evergreen farmer, to the murder of his housekeeper, Mrs. Lassiter, and to the burning of the farmer's home, last Wednesday night.

The negroes, who were brought here early Sunday morning from Evergreen for safe-keeping, are said to have declared that they robbed the farmer of only $7.50, instead of $260, the amount given in the despatches from Evergreen.

They also told the officers, it is stated, that the revolvers with which they shot House and killed Mrs. Lassiter were later thrown by them into a near-by creek. Robbery was their motive.

The negroes were caught separately, one Thursday and one early Friday morning, near the scene of the crime. Fear of violence led Sheriff Williams, of Conecuh County, to bring them to Montgomery. He left Evergreen secretly with his prisoners late Saturday night in an automobile, arriving here Sunday morning.

Bills of large denomination have been shown by Evergreen merchants and owners of stores near by as having been spent by the negroes. Bloody clothing, of the variety furnished discharged convicts by the State, have also been found at Evergreen.

Details of the crime are lacking. It is stated that the negroes attacked the farmer's home early Wednesday night, shot him once and stabbed him seven times when he made resistance, fatally wounded the housekeeper, robbed the two, looted the home and set fire to it. House, despite his dangerous wounds, dragged the dead woman and himself from the burning building just before it collapsed.

A sixteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. Lassiter was seen by the negroes, just before setting fire to the house, but she escaped by jumping from a window. She made her way to a neighboring farm house and gave the alarm.

Though desperately wounded House, it is thought, will recover.

# 3 MEN ARE KILLED AND MANY WOUNDED

Constitution

## As Result of Attempt to Lynch Negro Assailant. Negro, Sheriff and Mob Leader Dead. 6-15-15

Winnsboro, S. C., June 14.—A. D. Hood, sheriff of Fairfield county, and Jules Smith, a negro who was to be tried today on a charge of attempted criminal assault, and Clyde Isenhower, a relative of Smith's alleged intended victim, are dead, a deputy is believed to be dying, and a half dozen others are suffering from more or less serious wounds as a result of an attack upon the sheriff's parts as the negro was being taken into court this morning.

Clyde Isenhower, alleged leader of the mob and a relative of the woman Smith was charged with attacking; Ernest Isenhower, his brother; William Morrison, a brother-in-law, and James Rawls, late today were indicted on the charge of murder, the grand jury handing out the true bills after an inquiry this afternoon.

Clyde Isenhower was almost shot to pieces, and died tonight in a hospital at Chester, S. C. J. R. Boulware, a deputy sheriff, received a bullet in the pit of the stomach, and is thought to be fatally wounded. The negro Smith was struck but once. Of the half dozen others more or less painfully wounded, Earle Stevenson, a young deputy sheriff, is hurt worse. Two bullets were sent through the left arm near the elbow, one of them severing the artery of the arm.

A special train was hurried from Columbia here immediately after the tragedy, and Sheriff Hood and his deputy were taken to a Columbia hospital for surgical attention, where Sheriff Hood died tonight at 7 o'clock. Isenhower and Stevenson were taken to Chester for surgical attention.

Despite his weakened condtion from the half dozen bullets in his body, Sheriff Hood led the prisoner on up the stairs into the courtroom. The negro dropped dead beside the dock, and Sheriff Hood staggered on to the bar, where a court official eased him to the floor.

Isenhower darted back into the sheriff's office on the first floor of the courthouse, where he lay unbreaching his revolver when found two minutes later. Isenhower has five or six bullets in his body, there being thirteen punctures of the skin.

# WIFE SHOT 4 TIMES

## By Husband — Dies Instantly — Creek and River Meet Within One City Block—Traffic Has Five Days Cut Off.

Wichita Falls, June 16.—Wichita Falls and adjacent territory is slowly recovering from the highest water, resulting from the heaviest rains ever witnessed by the old settlers here. Every family living in the Crescent Lake Addition and on Holiday Creek had to move out. Hundreds of dollars worth of goods were destroyed by the high water. Holiday Creek and Wichita River backed one city block of meeting up town. Holiday Creek backed water to the postoffice on Ninth street, while Wichita River rose to Seventh street. Wichita was cut off from all Southern traffic via rail for five days. The Denver bridge at Holiday had to be dynamited. The Fort Worth & Denver and M. K. & T. R. R. tracks below Jolly were not only undermined, but the railroad irons, still attached to the ties for many hundred yards, were washed entirely from the railroad beds.

While the people's minds were excited on account of the high water their excitement was further augmented by a most horrible murder committed in a thickly settled community in broad daylight. It was Tuesday, June 8, at 1 o'clock, when one Eli Brewer shot his wife four times, killing her instantly. Brewer at once surrendered to officers. Rev. L. S. Arthur had the body embalmed and shipped to Taylor, Texas, for interment. Eli Brewer is from Ft. Worth; his wife, Lizzie Brewer, is from Taylor. The Mosaic annual sermon was postponed on account of the high waters, also was Children's Day exercises at St. John. The Sir Knights and Daughters annual sermon will be preached sunday at 3:30 p. m. at St. John by Rev. Scott of Ft. Worth. Mr. A. Byrd and Mrs. T. S. Jackson were prevented from attending K. of P. Grand Lodge. Rev. Hopewell and Rev. Williams of Amarillo, are assisting Rev. Hubbard in a protracted meeting. Rev. McClendon and a number of delegates are attending board meeting in Frederick, Okla. Mrs. Lena Newton was called to Pittsburg, to attend the funeral of her brother, who was killed Monday night in Wichita, Kan. Mr. Dock Newton went to Pittsburg Wednesday.

# NEGRO ROBBER KILLED AFTER EXCITING FIGHT

## J. L. McCord Painfully Wounded by Black He Found in Home.

Constitution 11-21-15

Columbus, Ga., November 20.—(Special.)—Fighting with E. L. McCord for the possession of a single-barrel shotgun after he had been surprised in the McCord home in the act of burglarizing it this afternoon about 12:30 o'clock, a unknown negro was shot and instantly killed by J. L. McCord, who himself had been previously injured by the negro's shotgun.

The two McCords, who operate a large farm and dairy about five miles east of the city on the Buena Vista road were returning to their home for the midday meal when a negro told them that he had seen some one in their house. Knowing that no one should be there, the two started a search of the house. They went all over it twice and failed to find any one. On the third search, one of them, looking under a bed, saw the negro lying flat on the floor with a shotgun in his hand. J. L. McCord, who had picked up a single-barrel shotgun, ordered the negro to come out, but instead the negro fired both barrels, the shots taking effect in the leg and feet of McCord. The negro then came out from under the bed but was met by the younger McCord, who struck him three times over the head with the butt end of his gun. This did not daze the negro, who kept on fighting and was getting the best of it, pulling the two men out of the house and into the yard.

The wounded McCord, calling to his brother to hold the negro, returned to the house, took the double-barrel shotgun, reloaded it and returned to where his brother and the negro were fighting. He warned the negro to turn loose his brother, and when he did not, opened fire on him at close range, the effect of both barrels entering the negro's head, killing him instantly. McCord was brought to the city to the home of his sister, at 745 Twenty-third avenue, where he was given medical treatment and his wounds pronounced not serious. He was exonerated of the killing by the investigation by the officers. The negro has not been identified, and will be placed in a pauper's grave.

# NEGRO WOMAN IS FOUND MURDERED IN HER OWN HOME

## Believed Carrie Briscoe Was Killed Saturday Night, Since Which Time She Had Been Missing

advertiser 10-2-15

In a badly decomposed condition the body of Carrie Briscoe, negress, was found in her home, the servant's house in the rear of No. 409 S. Hull street, yesterday morning. A large hole in the middle of her forehead, evidently made by a heavy blunt instrument, silently told of the manner in which she met her death. The police believe she was murdered by her husband, Sam Briscoe, last Saturday night. Police authorities term it one of the most grewsome murders in recent years.

The woman was employed as cook for Mrs. J. A. Wade, No. 458 S. Court street, but rented the servant's house from Mrs. W. I. R. Thompson at No. 409 S. Hull street, where she lived with her husband.

Carrie left Mrs. Wade's after finishing her work Saturday and she did not report for work Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday nor Friday. It was this that led to the discovery of the brutal murder.

She was paid for her services b Mrs. Wade each Monday and as sh had not been to collect her last week's wages in nearly a week, Mrs. Wade yesterday morning phoned to Mrs. Thompson's residence and asked if they knew whether or not she was sick. Mrs. Thompson sent her cook out to the servant's house to investigate. The cook found the door and windows fastened from the inside and while she could not get in, she knew something was wrong from the awful odor which was around the house.

**Crime Discovered.**

With the assistance of a member of the Scott street fire station, which is only around the corner from Mrs. Thompson's home, the door was forced open and a terrible sight confronted the fireman and the cook. The body of Carrie Briscoe was stretched across the bed, her head hanging off one side and her feet off the other. A big hole in the middle of her forehead, evidently made by some heavy blunt instrument told the tale.

The police and sheriff were immediately notified. Officer King was sent to the scene from police headquarters, but because of the horrible odor in the house he could not enter until the room had been disinfected by a local negro undertaker.

Upon entering the room and examining the body it was found to be badly decomposed. It is thought the woman was murdered last Saturday night. She had not been seen since that time and the last time she was seen she was walking in Mrs. Thompson's back yard to the servant's house, accompanied by her husband.

**No Signs of Struggle.**

After the body had been removed to a negro undertaker's yesterday, the police made a thorough examination of the room and found two trunks which had been opened and all men's wearing apparel removed. The dresser drawers were also open and the contents rifled. The room showed no signs of a struggle, but had more an appearance of having been burglarized.

The fact that all the belongings of the woman's husband had been removed from the room and that he has not been seen since Saturday night, leads the city and county officials to believe that he murdered her and after locking the windows and the door departed from the city.

Carrie Briscoe had been in the employ of Mrs. Wade for some time and was considered far above the average negro.

Both police and county officials are making a thorough search for the Briscoe woman's husband.

**KILLING AT COLUMBUS.**

(Special to The Advertiser.)

COLUMBUS, GA., Dec. 20.—Munth Phelps, shot and killed Frank Herman in his place of business in North Girard about six o'clock this afternoon. Phelps is held in jail pending preliminary trial tomorrow.

Marshall, Tex., July 21.—Miss Rebecca (Brooks) Fisher was shot to death by Jack Arnette; the weapon used being a 38 Iver Johnson, one shot taking effect in her back and one in the face, from which she died in about 15 minutes. He surrendered to Mr. Eugene Reynolds, who lives in the neighborhood, and was turned over to the sheriff and lodged in jail. The remains were viewed by Justice Frank Young and Deputy Sheriff Scott, after hearing the witnesses, returned a verdict in accordance to the above. In the preliminary hearing before Justice Frank Young, Jack Arnette was remanded to the custody of the sheriff without bail. The young girls of New Town met at the residence of Mrs. J. E. Banks, organized the Young Girls' Excelsior Club, to promote the social and educational uplift of the girls of New Town. The club meets Friday of each week. Officers: Misses Loria Flemming, president; Lucy Griffin, vice-president; W. E. Banks, secretary; Vivian Brew, assistant secretary; Lessie Cole, treasurer; Vance Walker, pianist; Bessie Bell, chaplain; Vance Walker, reporter. T. and P. big shops go to 9 hours. Marshall has a population of 13,348, the largest city east of Dallas and north of Beaumont. Ed. Minneweathers and John Henry were arrested and brought back from Dallas on a charge of theft. Read the Dallas Express for all the late news, delivered at your door for 15c per month, $1.25 per year. Give me your job work; will do it cheaper than anyone.

# FOUR NEGROES KILLED AND 75 ARE WOUNDED

## Many Reports of Christmas Shootings Are Received by Grady Hospital.

Four negroes are now dead at Grady hospital as the result of a shooting scrape and about twenty-five are suffering from gunshot wounds, and fifty more are victims of cutting scrapes, according to reports from the hospital at a late hour last night.

Five other negroes are not expected to live, as the nature of their wounds is considered serious by the house physicians.

Christmas Eve was extremely quiet in both the darktown sections and the white sections until about 10 o'clock Friday night, when pandemonium seemed to break loose in the negro sections. From this time on up to a late hour last night wounded negroes, some shot, some stabbed, some slashed with razors and others with dirks, flooded Grady hospital, making this Christmas season one of the bloodiest ever recorded in Atlanta.

Reports from the Grady are to the effect that more negroes have been treated for gunshot wounds than ever before at Christmas time.

There was very little trouble in the white sections, though, which gave the appearance of the quietest Christmas season in Atlanta's history.

The number of arrests is slightly under those for last Christmas season.

# NEGROES MISSING AFTER SHOOTING

## Excitement Has Subsided But Little Following Tragedy in Worth — Another White Expected to Die.

Ashburn, Ga., February 14.—(Special.)—Several negroes are reported missing at Doles in Worth county, where last night Wesley McDonald was killed and two others wounded. Persons returning from the scene of the shooting today say that no arrests have been made and that a negro, who had been surrounded in a house, got away after exhausting his supply of ammunition. Posses are still scouring the woods for the negroes. Excitement has subsided but little.

Preston McDonald and Jack Smith are alive tonight, though doctors say the latter may not survive the night.

According to first reports coming from the scene of excitement last night a negro did the shooting on the public road and attacked his victims without a word of warning as they were returning to their homes a few miles north of Doles, between 8 and 9 o'clock. More reliable information, however, reached Ashburn this afternoon to the effect that there had been some bad feeling aroused between the dead man, his companions and the negroes because of a warrant sworn out by a negro against a white man relative to the ownership of a mule. As a result, it is said that McDonald, Smith and Preston McDonald went out to the negro's home, a short distance from Doles, about 8 o'clock last night, for the purpose of whipping him. Reports say that it is generally believed that the negro had been informed as to the intentions of the white men and was heavily armed when they reached his home.

When West McDonald knocked on the door of the negro house, it is said, a shot was fired from the inside from a large caliber rifle, the ball passing through the door and striking McDonald in the head, killing him instantly. The negro's name has not yet been learned. After McDonald was killed Preston McDonald and Smith tried to escape, but as they fled from the house they were fired upon from the dark at close range with a shotgun, both receiving a full charge of bird shot in the right side. All three white men were unarmed, apparently not expecting any trouble in accomplishing their purpose. It is generally believed that negroes did the shooting, and that more than one is involved, as several are missing from the community.

# ATTEMPTED MURDER

## TRIED TO KILL HIM. SHOT HIM THREE TIMES

### An Ex-Convict Has A Narrow Escape.

Elijah Gray, colored, was shot three times by another colored man, said to have been Henry Jackson, Monday and walked to Police Headquarters from 743 North Second Street, where the shooting occurred, to make a report of the assault. Gray claimed that Jackson had shot him because he believed him to be a "stool pigeon" for the police. Jackson later surrendered himself at the Second Precinct Station, where he is being held until today when he will be arraigned in the Police Court.

Gray was taken to Virginia Hospital by Ambulance Surgeon Walker. The surgeon found that the man had been shot twice through the body and once through the left arm. One of the body wounds is regarded as serious, but it was said at the hospital early this morning that the man was doing well.

According to the story told by the man as he sat in Police Headquarters yesterday, Jackson found him sitting in front of the barber shop at 743 North Second Street and immediately opened fire, accusing Gray of being a "spotter." Jackson, however, claims that Gray attempted to cut him with a knife and that he shot in self-defense. He exhibited several cuts in his clothing as evidence to this effect.

Major Werner was instrumental in having Gray released from the penitentiary on parole, after he had served seven months of a two-year sentence. The Chief of Police said yesterday that Gray was a quiet, law-abiding person so far as he knew, and that the negro had been reporting regularly since being placed on parole.

## PASSENGER IS FOUND DEAD, WITH THROAT CUT

### Arthur B. Denman Meets Mysterious Death on Board Chesapeake and Ohio Train.

GREENUP, Ky., March 16.—Mystery surrounds the death of Arthur B. Denman, sixty-five years old, of Ashland, Va., who was found dead this morning in a car of the Chesapeake and Ohio train No. 5. The man's throat was cut, and circumstances of his death remain unexplained.

The man boarded the train at Ashland, Va., on Monday night. He had a ticket for Dayton, O., Just what time he met death is not known. None of the other passengers on the train saw or heard anything unusual during the night. When the train reached a point just east of this place, the dead body was discovered. To add to the mystery, the weapon which caused Denman's death could not be found, although search was made. The body was removed from the train at Greenup, and is being held for relatives.

Cash to the amount of $2,206.33 was found sewed up in a small salt bag, which in turn was sewed to the man's undershirt. The bag also contained certificates of deposits on banks of Ashland, Va.; Medina, O.; and Pitford, Mich. There was also found a deed and mortgage from his brother, George H. Denman as guardian of A. B. Denman, showing that Arthur B. Denman was once declared by a court to be of unsound mind and George H. Denman appointed his guardian; that, in September, 1914, he was adjudged by another court to be of sound mind, and his guardian transferred his property back to him.

## HAD EXPECTED TO MAKE HIS HOME IN ASHLAND

Ashland, Va., March 16.—Arthur B. Denman, found dead on a Chesapeake and Ohio train in Kentucky yesterday, came to Ashland several weeks ago and had been with his sister, Mrs. Sarah Barnes, and his daughter, Miss Rosa Denman, who reside about three miles west of Ashland. He came here from Ohio intending to establish an apiary in which business he had been very successful elsewhere. Later he decided to return to Ohio and remain another year before settling permanently in Ashland. His sister and daughter were notified of his mysterious death today.

Chesapeake and Ohio detectives were here today seeking some clue which might lead to a solution of the mystery surrounding his death.

# STABBED TO DEATH

## ONE ISAIAH JOHNSON IS DEAD AS

# SHOT SEVEN TIMES

## RESULT OF WEAPON IN HANDS OF ONE ED STRONG—MAN FALLS DEAD ON RAILROAD.

## OTTO HARRIS MEETS FATE IN RESTAURANT ON CHRISTMAS DAY—ONE MONTE MITCHELL COMMITS CRIME—MANY OTHER DIFFICULTIES OCCUR DURING HOLIDAYS.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 28.—Early Christmas morning some one criminally shot the valuable $200 horse belonging to Mrs. Maggie Wise. About 2:30 p. m., Saturday afternoon, one Isaiah Johnson was seen running down the railroad with blood streaming gfrom his breast. He ran about thirty yards and fell dead, the result of being stabbed in the heart by Ed Strong. Johnson is from Hope, Ark., where he has parents. Before the ambulance had got to the undertakers with the body of Johnson, the rapid firing of an automatic was heard in the restaurant department of the Mint Building; when the smoke had cleared away the body of Otto Haris was seen lying on the floor, having been shot seven times by Monte Mitchell. Harris died several hours later while being operated on at the hospital. Mitchell is the brother-in-law of Mr. Sam Williams and is from Navasota. Harris's body was shipped to San Antonio for burial Monday. His mother's name is Jane Harris. Not long after the shooting of Mitchell the officers were called to quiet a disturbance across the lake on Adams Street. The cause of the excitement was a fight between two ought-to-be school girls, Murray Jones and Bessie Avery. The Jones girl was cut in the face. Early Sunday morning a pistol was heard to fire in the direction of Steve Seargent's pool hall. On investigation it was found that Mr. Steve Seargent had shot Mr. W. P. Potts in the leg, but we were so much relieved when we learned that this was purely accidental. Lester McConnell, age 18, brother of Miss Katie and Lizzie McConnell died Monday morning at 3 o'clock across Horse Shoe Lake. Mrs. Donnelson, of Sulphur Springs, is visiting her son, Mr. J. H. Donnelson. Son of Rev. M. C. McClendon and a student of Central Texas College is visiting parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Durkenfield are indisposed. The People's Meat Market is doing a good business. Mrs. Lizzie Walls is visiting in Senton. Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson entertained friends at a Christmas dinner in honor of Miss I. D. Johnson of Fort Worth.

FOR SALE—One three-chair barber shop, one well equipped restaurant, one complete tailor shop. All in same building. Address C. W. Williams (col.). Wichita Falls, Texas.

The Dallas Express reporter was kindly remembered with a nice present from Mr. Willie Tippins.

Killings—1915

# THREE DEAD AND ONE IS DYING IN WAVE OF KILLINGS

advertiser 11-19-15

## Three Northern Counties the Scenes of Bloodshed, One Peacemaker Also Seriously Wounded at Edwardsville

(Special to The Advertiser.)

ANNISTON, ALA., Nov. 18.—According to news that has reached the office of Sheriff A. H. Borders in this city, three men are dead and one is in a dying condition in Sellers hospital, as a result of shooting affrays that took place Tuesday night in Randolph, Cleburne and Calhoun counties.

Details of the affray at Micaville, Randolph county, are meagre, one story is to the effect that Alonzo Perkins and a young man named Ayres were in a fight and that both shot simultaneously, killing each other instantly. Another story alleges that a young man named Tennant shot Perkins after the latter had killed Ayres.

Ed Couche, a United States revenue agent at Edwardsville, Cleburne county, is in the hospital here. He is said to have been shot while trying to separate Irvin Owens, son of W. A. Owens, a well known citizen of Edwardsville, and another man who were in a fight. Couche is the son of William Couche of Cleburne county.

A negro laborer nicknamed "Gooseback," had the top of his head blown off when he was found in bed at the home of Bud Brown, another negro, near Green's sawmill, Beat 7, this county. The shooting is said to have been witnessed by the wife of Brown, Mollie Brown, Alf Dentist, another negro, and a white man named R. B. Walsh, for the arrest of whom warrants have been issued.

# TWO DEATHS FOLLOW IN KNIFE AND GUN FIGHT

advertiser 1-23-15

MACON, GA., Jan. 22—Two men were killed and two other persons wounded here today in a knife and revolver fight resulting from efforts to serve a warrant ejecting a negress from her home.

The dead are: J. J. Proctor, Municipal Court Sheriff, and Joseph Brewer, a carpenter. C. L. Bowden, a deputy, and the negress, were wounded. The men are white.

The authorities claim Brewer was found in the house and that he attacked the officers with a knife. They replied with revolver fire.

# LEE COUNTY TO HOLD ANOTHER LIVE STOCK SHOW NEXT YEAR

## Negro Kills Own Brother After Dispute, Is Charge

(Special to The Advertiser.)

OPELIKA, ALA., Dec. 16.—W. P. Renfro, president of the Lee County Live Stock Association, has called a meeting of that body for next Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the couat house for the purpose of discussing the question of holding another live stock show in this county next year. Several other matters of importance will be brought before the meeting, and a full attendance of the members of the association is desired.

**Negro Slays Brother.**

Last night about 9 o'clock Ed Hardy, a negro, according to officers, shot and killed his brother, Will Hardy, on the A. P. Hodge farm near the city. The difficulty, it is said, started over some wheat to be sown. Deputy Sheriff Betts made an investigation this morning and lodged Will Hardy in the county jail to await trial.

**Strawberries For Christmas.**

Assistant Postmaster Arthur G. Smith is making quite a reputation as a practical gardener. Last spring his garden was the pride of his neighborhood, and now he is showing fine specimens of large, ripe strawberries, grown by him this year, and which he is enjoying for table use. He cultivates a variety that is ever bearing in this climate.

This week and last a large number of fine hogs were slaughtered in the county, and nearly every farmer will save enough pork for home consumption another year.

# NEGRO DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY TO LASSITER MURDER

advertiser 7-1-15

Special to The Advertiser.

EVERGREEN, ALA., June 30.—John Salter and Robert Watkins, negro ex-convicts, pleaded guilty to the murder of Mrs. Lassiter, housekeeper of Wiley House, a farmer near here, when arraigned before Judge A. E. Gamble in the Circuit Court here today. The court room—thronged with interested spectators—buzzed with excitement, but there was no demonstration. An indictment charging them with the crime was returned earlier in the day by the especially empaneled grand jury.

The military escort which accompanied the negroes here from Montgomery, will return to the Capital City Thursday. They remained on guard outside the court house during the brief hearing and at no time strayed far from their charges.

Wiley House, who was shot and stabbed and whose house was burned at the time Mrs. Lassiter was killed came to Evergreen today but was unable to be present at the hearing.

Watkins and Salter will be placed on trial in the Circuit Court Tuesday. Fears of mob violence having been dispelled, they will not be sent back to Montgomery. The negroes were taken secretly from the jail here in an automobile by Sheriff Williams to Montgomery Saturday night for safe keeping. They confessed there Sunday.

**HALF-PINT OF WHISKEY LEADS TO MURDER.**

The Richmond Times-Dispatch 1-27-15

South Boston, Va., January 26.—A cutting affair took place to-day in D. H. Briggs's place, a colored pool room, on Bank Street. John Fountain, colored, was in the place engaged in a game of pool with Briggs, the proprietor, when Charles Miller, another colored man entered, cursed Fountain and stabbed him in the left breast with a large pocket knife. The knife blade penetrated one of the main arteries leading to the heart. Fountain fell to the floor and died instantly. After Fountain had fallen, Miller struck him over the head with a billiard cue, then stamped him on the head with his shoe heel, and escaped.

Miller was captured about 4 o'clock by Russel Holt in a piece of woods two miles from South Boston. When Holt discovered Miller, he ordered him to stop, but, instead of doing so, he started towards Holt, throwing his hand to his hip pocket. Holt raised his shotgun and fired, peppering the right arm with birdshot. Miller was brought to town and taken before Mayor Penick. Miller pleaded guilty, and was sent on to the grand jury.

It is said the trouble started over a half pint of whiskey. They had formed a partnership, in which Miller had put up 15 cents and Fountain 10 cents. The money was given to Fountain to buy the whiskey. Fountain evidently had not succeeded in finding a "blind tiger," and Miller accused him of trying to steal his money.

# NEGRO KILLS HIS WIFE AND SHOOTS 2 WHITES

## Scores of Montgomery Farmers Are Searching County for Black.

Constitution 9-27-15

Mount Vernon, Ga., September 26.—Scores of Montgomery county farmers tonight are searching the county north of this town for William Evans, a young negro, who early today shot and killed his wife and shot and seriously wounded W. D. McNeeley, a convict guard, and Julian McCoy, both white men.

Why Evans killed his wife is not known to the local authorities. After the shooting at their home, Evans fled down the road, armed with a double-barreled shotgun. Encountering McNeeley and McCoy, he evidently believed they were hunting for him and fired both barrels at the two men, who were riding in a buggy.

McNeeley was shot in the head and will lose the sight of one eye. McCoy was wounded in the shoulder. Both are expected to recover.

A posse has been searching for Evans all day, but no trace of him has been found. It was believed he has fled to his father's home near Adrian, Ga.

# BLOODY WORK IN MACON WITH PISTOL AND KNIFE

Constitution 1-23-15

Macon, Ga., January 22.—(Special.)—In a fight resulting from an attempt to eject a negress from her home in the downtown district tonight, a white carpenter was killed, the sheriff of the municipal court was fatally stabbed, dying at the hospital an hour later; a deputy sheriff was stabbed and the negress shot. The dead:

JOSEPH BREWER, 45, white carpenter, shot in right temple, right cheek and stomach; died instantly.

J. J. PROCTOR, sheriff of the municipal court and former policeman, throat cut, died in hospital.

Wounded:

C. L. Bowden, deputy sheriff, several knife wounds in body.

Lula Woodward, negress, shot.

The wounded were all rushed to a hospital.

The officers went to the home of the negress this morning with a dispossessory warrant. The door was barred to them. They returned and a warrant for the arrest of the negress for obstructing an officer was obtained.

While serving this warrant the officers found Brewer in the home of the negress. Brewer is alleged to have drawn a knife and attacked the officers, who immediately opened fire.

The plaintiff in the dispossessory proceedings then took out a warrant against the woman, charging obstruction of legal process, and tonight Sheriff Proctor and Deputy Bowden went to the house, in an alley just off New and Walnut streets. There they found Brewer, the white man, in the house with the negress. Brewer drew his knife and the trouble began. It is said both Proctor and Bowden drew their guns and began firing.

It is thought that it was Bowden, the sheriff, who shot Brewer. Under Brewer's body was found a cartridge ball similar to those remaining in Bowden's pistol. Proctor shot the negro woman, using a pistol of a smaller caliber than the one Bowden used.

The negro woman was shot through the side.

Proctor's throat was cut and he was wounded on other parts of the body. Bowden's chest and face were badly cut. It is not thought Bowden's wounds are fatal.

# White Farmer Is Brutally Murdered

## Victim's Horse Tied to Tree by Slayer and Left to Starve in Bibb County Woods

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(Special to The Advertiser.)

CENTERVILLE, ALA., Dec. 30.—One of the most brutal and horible murders ever committed in Alabama has just come to light in the northern part of Bibb County. On Monday of this week, while hunting in the woods a few miles north of Blocton, in the direction of Green Pond, some white men found a horse dead and tied to a tree. The horse was recognized as that of Al George, a white farmer, residing in the Camp Branch neighborhood, between Blocton and Green Pond.

The men, suspecting something wrong, began searching the wood for George. Soon his dead body was found in a ditch about 300 yards from the road and covered with leaves. The dead man had been shot in the face and head with a shot gun and one of his arms had been shot off. It was evident that he had been dead for several days. A message was sent to Sheriff Ward, who went immediately to the scene of the killing. A coroner's jury was empanneled and many witnesses examined.

The jury at a late hour yesterday rendered a verdict to the effect that the deceased was murdered and met death at the hands of a young white man of the neighborhood, but owing to the fact that the alleged murderer had not been captured, the name was not made public.

The dead man left his home on Thursday of last week to go to Blocton and never returned. He was shot to death in his own buggy and the body driven into the woods and thrown into a ditch and covered with leaves. The horse was then driven further into the woods and tied to a tree where it died from exposure and starvation. The people in the vicinity of the crime are very much stirred over the affair.

Sheriff Ward left on a late train last night for a county in extreme West Alabama for the party charged with the murder, who is said to have left the neighborhood immediately after the killing. A double purpose of robbery and revenge prompted the crime, according to the officers.

# TIFT COUNTY POSSE HUNTS NEGRO SLAYER

## Black, Full of Whisky, Kills White and Another Negro.

Tifton, Ga., June 20.—(Special.)—Sanders Bryan, a young white farmer, was shot and instantly killed by Dock Williams, a negro, near the Eaglehead still quarters, in southwest Tift county, Saturday night. The weapon used was a shotgun, the load taking effect in Bryan's right arm, side, face and head.

Williams came to Tifton Saturday and obtained three gallons of liquor at the express office. Returning to Eaglehead, he said he was going to raise cain, and started in by shooting another negro, Lanzel Hunt, twice through the stomach and once in the side with a pistol. He died in Tift county hospital this morning.

Williams left the quarters and returned to his home about a half mile away. Mr. Bryan passed by and was informed of the shooting. Walking to the rear of Williams' house, where the negro was sitting, he asked him about the shooting. The negro told him to get away or he would shoot him, and drew his gun on Bryan. Bryan raised his hands and began to back off and turned to run as he reached the corner of the house. The negro fired at him twice with a pistol, but missed. He followed Mr. Bryan and, as the latter turned to see if the negro was still following, shot him down.

A posse of over a hundred men and boys with Sheriff Shaw and his deputies have been scouring the woods for the negro since the shooting, but have been unable to locate him. Track dogs were brought here from Ashburn, Poulan and Leesburg, but all gave up the trail at about the same place after tracking the negro for six or seven miles.

A reward of $50 has been offered for his arrest, and the governor will be asked to offer an additional reward. Bryan is survived by his wife and two small children. He was about 25 years old, and came here from Troy, Ala., about five years ago.

## MARSHAL GIBSON DEAD.

### Stabbed by John Umberhandt Three Weeks Ago.

Mount Airy, Ga., April 16.—(Special.) Marshal William Alfred Gibson died here Friday morning at 7 o'clock. Mr. Gibson was stabbed near the heart by John Umberhandt more than three weeks ago, and had been a great sufferer since. He was born in Rabun county and was 65 years of age.

Besides his widow, he is survived by two children, Jonas and Janie; two brothers, Elisha and Silas Gibson, and two sisters, Mrs. G. R. Taylor and Miss Serah Gibson. The interment will be at Antioch today.

## FARMER IS SHOT BY THREE NEGROES NEAR TOWN OF GREENVILLE

(Special to The Advertiser.)

GREENVILLE, Dec. 28.—John Morgan, a farmer, living eight miles east of Greenville, was shot by three negroes near his home last night. Three loads of bird shot entered the side and face of Morgan, seriously and dangerously injuring him. Morgan returned fire at the negroes and it is reported that he seriously wounded two of them. The names of the negroes cannot be learned at present.

But little can be learned in connection with the affray. It is reported that Morgan was passing a house where these negroes were celebrating Christmas, and one or more of them came from the house and some words passed. Others came out and at this juncture the guns were brought into play

Morgan's condition is said to be improved today.

# TYLER.

## ONE SAM JONES BYAS IN JAIL CHARGED WITH MURDERING BEN ADKINS, JULY 31—KNIFE PIERCED WOUNDS OVER HEART ENDS LIFE.

### Rapeeds Thrilling Pictures Entertain the Public—Church Repair—Young and Efficient Pastor, Rev. D. A. Butler Brings Things to Pass—Visitors.

Tyler, Tex., Aug 4.—Ben Adkins, a well known dye man, was cut to death Saturday night by Sam Jones Byas, after some words between the two men and a few blows. Adkins received a knife wound just over the heart, and died instantly. Sam Jones Byas is in jail charged with murder. The wife of Mr. William King died at his home this week. The little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mc-

## WHITE MAN KILLS NEGRO FARM HAND

Special to The Advertiser.

OPELIKA, ALA., Feb. 13—Late yesterday afternoon Marshall Hightower, a young white man, killed a negro named Allen Davis on the farm of W. H. Betts in Beat 13, this county. There were no eye-witnesses to the tragedy, it is said. Hightower claims that the negro cursed and caught hold of him and in self-defense he drew his pocket knife and stabbed the negro in the throat, the wound producing death almost instantly.

Hightower surrendered to the authorities and made bond today in the sum of $1,000 and waived preliminary examination. The grand jury will investigate the murder. Hightower is a married man about 20 years old.

## BUD FLOYD CAUGHT IN SUMTER COUNTY ON MURDER CHARGE

(Special to The Advertiser.)

WETUMPKA, ALA., Dec. 21—Bud Floyd, who is charged with shooting and killing his uncle, M. C. Floyd, at Dexter, eight miles from this place last Thursday afternoon, today was captured at York by the sheriff of Sumter county. Floyd tonight was locked up in the jail at Livingston to await the arrival there of Sheriff Richardson of Elmore county, who leaves tomorrow morning to bring him back for trial.

Following reports of the killing at Dexter, Sheriff Richardson says Floyd left Wetumpka in a Ford automobile. Acting on the theory Floyd would go westward to Meridian and thence to New Orleans, in an endeavor to leave the country, Sheriff Richardson traced him over the county roads, by means of maps and the wires, and located him at Troy.

It is claimed Floyd was drinking last Thursday when he went to his uncle's store. It is stated that a quarrel ensued in the store, during which M. C. Floyd was shot four times with a 32 calibre pistol.

## 1 DEPUTY KILLED, ANOTHER WOUNDED BY NEGROES

### Two Negro Crap Game Players Killed In Raid Near Centerville Saturday Night

Special to The Advertiser.

CENTERVILLE, ALA., June 13—News has been received here of a terrible tragedy that occurred at Piper in the northern part of Bibb County about eleven o'clock last night in which Manley Burns, a deputy sheriff of Bibb County, was killed and R. E. Narremore, another deputy sheriff, was severely wounded and two negroes killed. It seems that from the report that the two deputies had gone from Blocton to Piper, a mining town, to raid a crap game, and when the officers approached the negroes began shooting and deputy Burns was fatally wounded. After receiving the death wound, the deputy fired and killed one negro and then fell to the ground, but fired again and killed a second negro.

Sheriff Ward left Centerville at a late hour Saturday night for the scene of the killing which is about fifteen miles from Centerville. Deputy Burns was a brave officer and has many relatives in Bibb County.

## INQUEST COMPLICATED BY KILLING OF NEGRO

### Negro, Confessing to the Killing of Watchman, Is Killed By Agent, Pistol Found.

Special to The Advertiser.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 10.—While Coroner Spain with a jury was today investigating the killing of W. J. McLaney, watchman at the Boyles yards of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Thursday, a telephone message announced that Chief of Special Agents M. C. Blackmon had shot and killed Charles Mitchell, who had told other negroes that he had killed the watchman. The coroner went to the scene, made an investigation into the killing of Mitchell, recovered the pistol that had been taken from McLaney and ordered the release of O. C. Roper, white, who had been taken from a freight train at Cullman, and brought back to the county jail here pending an investigation by the coroner. One witness only had been examined when the telephone message was received.

Adjournment was taken until next week for the investigation into the killing of the watchman. Mitchell told other negroes that he killed McLaney to get a pistol and that on pay day he was going to kill J. M. Nelson, a section foreman who would draw between $150 and $200. When Chief Blackmon came on the negro this morning he ordered him to consider himself under arrest, whereupon the officer pulled his pistol and commenced shooting, the negro before this attempting to draw the stolen pistol from his shirt bosom. Several shots were fired by the officer.

## REMAINS OF DR. T. W. SPARKS SHIPPED TO TYLER FOR INTERMENT—OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST.

### Memorial Services Were Attended in This City.

Terrell, Tex., July 21.—Dr. T. W. Sparks was instantly killed in his office Wednesday, July 14, by Tom Rodgers of Dallas. Memorial services were held at the M. E. Church Thursday evening. His remains were shipped to Tyler for burial, under the auspices of Masonic, K. of P., Odd Fellows and the W. B. F. lodges. Mr. Robert Anderson, Robert Johnson, Mr. Harris, Mrs. [illegible] Flemmings and Miss Mable Carson of Dallas, accompanied the remains to Tyler. Rev. E. G. Young, Mrs. M. E. Flemmings, Mrs. L. Hall, and Jocie Enox attended the District conference last week in Wills Point. Bishop R. A. Carter preached here Sunday night to crowded house. Dr. Dogan of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., and Rev. Loggins, P. E. of South Texas, were called here to witness the funeral of Dr. T. W. Sparks.

## TWO NEGROES HANG IN QUITMAN FRIDAY

Quitman, Ga., June 10.—(Special.)—For the first time in twenty-three years Brooks county will have a legal execution in the county jail Friday.

Two negroes are to be hanged from the same scaffold. They are Jack Miller and Alfred Goosby, who were convicted of murder before Judge Thomas in the superior court at its last session.

The scaffold has been erected in the jail building and everything is in readiness for the execution. The negroes will die between the hours of 9 and 3 o'clock, and Sheriff Wade will probably have the execution before noon. The execution will be strictly private, only the officers and clergy being present.

John Thomas, another negro who was sentenced to be hanged Friday, will not be executed at this time, pending the hearing of a motion for a new trial.

## MAN FOUND MURDERED IN WOODS NEAR MULGA

### Two Are Held While Detectives Try to Prove Life Insurance Was Motive.

Special to The Advertiser.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., April 10.—Coroner Spain, Solicitor Black, the city police and detective departments are all working on the murder of M. O. Barton, the young man who was found in the woods between Ensley and Mulga yesterday with his skull crushed and a bullet wound through his head, and efforts are being made to get information that will connect L. Walton, the former groceryman, and head of the Walton Trading Company, and E. E. Mason, friend of Walton, who have been placed under arrest.

The city detectives arrested the two men after midnight last night but the accused deny most emphatically that they committed the deed or had anything to do with it. The officers claim that Barton had $30,000 worth of life and accident insurance which was payable to the Walton Trading Company, which was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Walton and Barton.

The deceased went out to Mulga with Walton and Mason, Walton stopping off this side of Mulga at a chicken farm. Mason went on to Mulga in the buggy and Barton was to stop by on the way back and get Walton. Barton never returned and Friday morning Walton raised an alarm when the horse and buggy came back to the livery stable without a driver and a search of the woods was made and the body of Barton found.

## Negro Arrested Here Confesses to Killing Another in Alabama

Charged with the murder of Jack Reeves, negro, of Birmingham, Ala., on November 8, 1914, in Birmingham, Henry Sheffield, alias Henry Williams, was arrested in Atlanta last night by Sergeant of Police Holcombe, at the Piedmont avenue plant of the Atlantic Ice and Coal Corporation.

Sheffield at first denied all knowledge of the killing of Reeves, and gave his name as Williams when arrested.

Later he confessed that he killed Reeves to Assistant Chief of Police E. L. Jett, declaring, though, that he killed him in self-defense.

Sheffield admitted his right name and consented to return to Birmingham without requisition papers.

## KILLS FATHER-IN-LAW.

### John Fountain Victim of John Bennett.

Jesup, Ga., April 16.—(Special.)—News of the killing of John Fountain by his son-in-law, John Bennett, was received here today. The killing occurred at Uvalda, in Toombs coutny.

According to reports, Fountain left Jesup for Uvalda to get some cattle and in securing the cattle, he and Bennett quarrelled and the killing followed.

Up to Friday night Bennett has not been apprehended by the officers in search of him.

Killings — 1915

## POLICEMAN KILLS NEGRO IN WEST END LAST NIGHT

**Black Was Advancing On Policeman Partin With Open Knife And Threats To Kill**

Advertiser 1-31-13

While advancing on policeman Partin with an opened knife, and threatening to cut his head from his shoulders," Frank Davis, a negro, was shot four times by the officer last night Death was instantaneous

Partin was on his beat in West End and had arrested two negro women, charged with disorderly conduct. While waitin for the police patrol to take the women to the police station, Davis began interferring and finally he too, was placed under arrest by Partin.

The negro then told Partin that he would go home provided he would release him, and as the negro had never given the policeman trouble before, Partin consented. As soon as the negro was released he pulled a knife with a three and one half inch blade, and advanced upon the officer, declaring that he was going to cut his head from his shoulders.

Partin says that he warned the negro to come no further, but as he paid no attention to the warnings, Partin pulled his revolver and shot the negro four times, each shot taking effect in the vicinity of his heart killing him instantly.

Eye witnesses to the affair, claim that the killing was justifiable.

## QUARREL OVER DEBT RESULTS IN KILLING

**J. C. Ferguson Shot Down and Instantly Killed Sunday by H. N. Maxey.**

Information was received in Atlanta Monday, through a special dispatch to The Constitution, that J. C. Ferguson, an employee of the Cline Realty company, 322 Healey building, was shot and instantly killed early Sunday morning by H. N. Maxey, a merchant of Barnett, Ga. The shooting was said to have taken place at Walnut Grove, resulting from a quarrel over an old debt.

According to R. L. Simms, of the Cline Realty company, Ferguson left Atlanta several days ago, stating that he was going to Barnett to collect a debt owed by Maxey.

The dispatch states that the two men met accidentally in the home of A. Embry and following a declaration on the part of Ferguson to the effect that he had not been treated right, Maxey is said to have pulled a revolver and shot him.

Maxey called Sheriff Gibson at Monroe, Ga., and waited for his arrival at the home of John Smith, where he gave up.

Ferguson is survived by an invalid wife at Barnett, a daughter, who is a trained nurse in Atlanta, and several brothers at Abbeville, S. C.

## MURDER OF NEGRESS CHARGED TO COMPANION

**John Shaw Brought Here to Await Action of the Grand Jury.**

Advertiser 5-21-13

John Shaw, negro, charged with murder, in connection with the death of Liza Murray from bullet wound on a farm near Ramer Thursday night, was brought to the jail last night to await the action of the grand jury. He was bound over without bond when given a preliminary hearing Friday before Justice of the Peace Walter Bozeman.

Shaw admitted killing the woman, but claimed that it was an accident. He stated that he and the negress were playing with the revolver in a room at her home when it exploded. The bullet penetrated her heart, killing her instantly. Neither knew that it was loaded, he said.

Shaw told several persons living near the woman's home that she shot herself. There were no witnesses.

## MILL MAN IS KILLED BY FELLOW EMPLOYE

Advertiser 4-23-13

Special to The Advertiser.

LOCKHART, ALA., April 22—While on duty on night shift at the saw mill here last night, John Cannon, a young man employe of the Jackson Lumber Company, was shot and killed by Jim Howell, another emrloye. The trouble arose over alleged intimacy between Cannon and Howell's wife.

Howell and his wife had been separated several months and it appears that last night, after a dispute with his wife about their two children, Howell became enraged and borrowing a pistol went to the mill about midnight and shot Cannon through the body. Cannon died two hours later. Howell surrendered to authorities and was today carried to jail at Andalusia.

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E. F. Hindman, Houston Heights Annex.
James Simonton, 1203 McKinney Avenue.
J. W. Mott, 206 James Street.

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**Defendant Insists He Is Innocent.**

"Fine thing for these men to jump on me," Branch indignantly said when a Chronicle reporter asked him what he wanted to say about the case. "I never killed Vanilla. It all happened just like I told the gentlemen who come out there that night, but they never believed me. I could see it at the time."

The Davis woman was killed near Dyersdale settlement the night of May 5, in a cottage shaded by a lonely grove of pines. Branch was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Milam after he told the authorities the woman was shot from ambush as they stood at their front door, fumbling at the lock, and that he left her in a dying condition and went to a relative's house at Dyersdale.

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**Death Penalty Waived.**

While the state will contend that the case is one of first degree murder, meriting an extreme penalty in case of conviction, the jury will not be asked to assess death. Veniremen who hastily told the court they were opposed to capital punishment were freely accepted by the state. One veniremen was anxious to be excused.

"Under no circumstances," he said positively, "would I assess the death penalty. I don't believe in it. It's a barbarous custom."

"That's all right," the district attorney countered amiably, "we'll take you."

The defense asked that the case be reset to a later date in the term because a witness, Fred Griffith, has not been served. By this witness the defense expects to prove that bullet holes found in the walls of Branch's house were shot there by him, the witness, and not the defendant.

"I left the subpoaena on the clerk's desk during his absence and though this man Griffith had been served, your honor," said counsel for the defense. The court overruled the motion and the trial proceeded.

## DESPERATE NEGRO IS KILLED BY OFFICERS

Advertiser 5-9-13

Special to The Advertiser.

BREWTON, ALA., May 8.—Sheriff John T. Kelley and his chief deputy, J. C. Kraker, returned to Brewton yesterday from near Teddy, this county, where they had a very trying experience with a desperate negro.

Sheriff Kelley had received sveral appeals to come to that community where a distillery was in operation, and much rowdyism prevailed from the effects of wildcat liquor.

Ned Edmond was suspicioned, and in the attempt to arrest him a desperate struggle took place. The negro, who was about 40 years old, six feet tall, weighing about 200 pounds, struck the Sheriff in the head while Deputy Kraker was doing his utmost to hold him. The negro made for an old axe which lay near by when Sheriff Kelley shot him three or four times in the body, and it was not until he shot him in the head that he was killed and conquered.

About sixty gallons of beer was found in an old smoke house and five quarts of liquor which had been freshly distilled.

## TWO NEGROES FOUND DEAD IN BASEMENT; BOTH ARE UNKNOWN

Constitution 4-29-13

An unidentified negro woman and a negro man, said to have been Tom Wiley, were found dead, the woman shot five times through the heart and the man twice through the temple, in the basement of 156 Capitol avenue, Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Schlomberg live in the house where the tragedy took place. Mrs. Schlomberg stated to Call Officers Wylie and Evans that the woman had been there visiting her cook when the shooting took place.

Beside the man was a 38-caliber revolver, which had been emptied and then reloaded, two shells of the second load having been fired.

A coroner's jury empanelled by Coroner Donehoo at 8 o'clock last night pronounced the killing murder and suicide on the part of the man.

## TURFMAN IS MURDERED BY HIS NEGRO HOSTLER

Constitution 12/10/13

**Body of Avery Buried in Fair Grounds Stable at Gainesville, Florida.**

Washington, December 14.—Willie Turner, a negro, today confessed to the murder of C. F. Avery, a race horse owner, at Gainesville, Fla., a week before Thanksgiving, according to the local police. Turner was arrested on suspicion trying to dispose of two valuable horses here for small sums.

The local police communicated with Gainesville authorities and they said Avery's body was found buried in a shallow grave under his stable. He was believed to have been in Memphis.

Gainesville, Fla., December 14.—Wrapped in a horse blanket, the body of C. F. (Dad) Avery, veteran turfman, to whose murder his negro hostler, Willie Turner, is said to have confessed in Washington, was found buried today in a fairgrounds stable. Blood on the sides of a stall led a searching party to the improvised grave. A coroner's inquest was held here this afternoon and the negro, who is under arrest in Washington, will be returned.

Avery came from Dothan, Ala., and raced his stallions, Asa Danforth and Anderson Boy, at the fair here several weeks ago. He disappeared shortly after the fair closed. He is said to have driven horses in every racing section of the country. He was 72 years old.

The trial of Clint Williams, w... murdered Oscar Scroggins, 17-year-old messenger boy, was held before Judge Swayne's court January 11 and 12th. The jury was out 43 minutes and brought in a verdict of guilty and fixed his punishment at death. 1-16-1

## STREET DUEL IN ATHENS.

**Negro Fatally Wounded in Fight With Policeman.**

Constitution 8-1-13

Athens, Ga., July 31.—(Special.)—Excitement prevailed in one of the residential sections of Athens this morning when a running duel between an enraged negro, Will Stovall, and two policemen, Officers Burpee and Betts, occurred, the negro being mortally wounded and Officer Burpee having a bullet graze one wrist and pass through his coat in two places. The negro, who had been separated from his wife, went to the home of Frank Meyers and Aaron Cohen and slapped her face. The woman's mother, an aged negro, Adeline Lester, who has worked for the family fifty-one years, got in the way and was shot through the leg. The negro fled and faced the officers, opening fire on them. Emptying his gun and having no time to reload he ran down the street and dived head-first through the glass door of the College Avenue school, gashing himself, and then fell exhausted from the effects of a policeman's bullet which had bored through his body.

## AGED NEGRO MURDERED; ASSAILANT UNKNOWN

Constitution 2-22-13

S. D. Johnson, an aged negro, was found by two white men and his brother seated in a chair at his home, 345 Hilliard street, Sunday night, with his throat cut and his face beaten to a pulp by unknown assailants. Johnson was a shoemaker and his hammer, with which he had been struck, was near his side, covered with blood.

The men finding his body were S. C. Williams and E. A. Banks, Jr., and the dead negro's brother, Asbury Johnson. No cause for the murderous assault can be assigned. Officers Evans and Haslett, who made the investigation, turned the mystery over to Detectives Moon and Patrick.

**HENRY JOHNSON KILLED.**

**SHOT BY A PLAIN CLOTHES POLICEMAN WHILE ON HIS WAY HOME IN SOUTH DALLAS—FUNERAL ATTENDED FROM MT. MORIAH CHURCH.**

The funeral of Mr. Henry Johnson was attended from Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Monday afternoon. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. F. B. Davis, assisted by Rev. F. B. Lakey. Mr. Johnson was killed by a plain clothes policeman near Colonial and Forest Avenue on December 25.

Mr. Johnson was an industrious man, and was held in high esteem by those who knew him. He was an ordained deacon of Salem Baptist Church, and is said to have been a faithful church worker. The deceased was 52 years old and is survived by a wife.

## BAILIFF ...ED AT CAM... MEETING

Black Who Slew Bailiff Barnes and Shot Two Ne-

## groses in Monroe County Killed by Farmer.

Forsyth, Ga., October 24.—(Special.) J. M. Barnes, a prominent white man of Russville, in the southern end of Monroe county, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon by Henry Harris, a negro, said to live at Ceresin, Crawford county, who had shot two negroes, Blanton Ralls and Newsom Webb. Harris was later killed by Jim Abercrombie, a white farmer, who sought to arrest him.

The trouble occurred at Pine Grove church, where a negro camp meeting was in progress. Webb had drawn a pistol on the Ralls negro and when Barnes, the bailiff of the district, sought to arrest him, the bailiff was shot through the heart and almost instantly killed by Henry Harris, the Webb negro's cousin.

**He Shoots Two Negroes.**

Harris then shot Ralls and, in the excitement, shot Webb. Following this the meeting broke up in a fusillade of shots, but it is not known whether any one else was injured.

The Harris negro, who is reported to have just been released from the gang where he had been serving a term for assault, ran away and was located on the farm of Jim Abercrombie.

Armed with a repeating shotgun Mr. Abercrombie sought to arrest the negro. However, Harris refused to surrender and, with the statement, "I have already killed one man and don't mind getting another," advanced on Abercrombie with drawn pistol.

**Abercrombie Kills Black.**

Abercrombie opened fire on the negro, who, with blood streaming from the buckshot wounds in his face, continued to advance on the white man. Another shot from Abercrombie's gun killed the negro.

Both Ralls and Webb are reported to be seriously wounded.

Bailiff Barnes was one of the most prominent and most popular men in his section of the county and the feeling has been running high since the people have learned of the killing. He was prominently mentioned as a possible candidate for sheriff of this county.

## ESCAPED CONVICT CONFESSES TO MURDER OF DALLAS GIRL.

**Tells His Real Name—Horse and Buggy Stolen—Married—Sick Social.**

San Angelo, Tex., March 24.—Zack Adams was captured in Runnels County, the past week and confessed to a murder alleged to have been committed in Dallas February 16th. He confessed that his real name is Benny Williams and that he lived at 715 Elm street. He and the girl whom he killed, who was Rosia Johnson. He is now held in county jail to await the arrival of tranfer agent from Huntsville. Mr. B. B. L| Long and Miss Jessie Knighter were married recently. Mrs. Geo. Campbell was called to San Saba to the bedside of her sick sister 21st inst. Mrs. P. A. Tabert died on 18th inst. The remains were accompanied to Winchester by her sister, Mrs. C. A. White. Mr. Geo. Edwards colored cook at the Nimitz House, lost a horse and buggy last Tuesday night of last week. He notified the officers at once and the horse and buggy was located next day 2 miles of Coleman. The horse was driven to death; one white boy is said to be confined behind bars at Coleman for the misdemeanor. Mrs. Mamie Love is convalescing.

## HELD FOR ATTACK ON MAIL CARRIER

### Latter Dies and Alleged Assailant Will Have Hearing Today

Johnson E. Owen, of Pittsview, will be given an examining trial before United States Commissioner John A. Elmore today on a charge of assaulting George Lewis, a negro rural mail carrier, while in the discharge of his duties. He was held in $500 bond for examination when brought here last night from Pittsview by Deputy Federal Marshal J. A. Wells. Lewis died June 24.

W. H. Davis, a farmer living eight miles from Pittsview, said last night that he saw Owen hit the negro eight or nine times with a buggy whip the morning of June 9. Another witness brought here for the trial stated that Owen told him that the negro owed him some money on an automobile deal.

"Did he tell you about hitting the Lewis negro," he was aswed.

"He told only of the automobile affair, stating that he 'didn't care to tell any more.'"

Dr. W. B. Joiner, of Pittsview, said that he examined the negro four days after the alleged assault and that he found several long, black stripes on his back.

Owen pleaded not guilty to the charge when the hearing was begun last night. Later, it was decided to postpone it until today.

## *NEGRO SLAIN WITH AXE IN HANDS OF INFURIATED NEGRO*

(Special to The Advertiser.)

HUNTSVILLE, ALA., Dec. 15.—Leo Lyle, a negro, was instantly killed with an axe by Ernest King, also a negro, at the latter's home, near Whitesburg in a quarrel that was renewed after having started at a church supper on a previous Saturday night. Lyle had gone to King's home and was knocked in the head with an axe. King escaped.

## NEGRO IS KILLED SUNDAY BY DEPUTY

### Deputy Sheriff Shoots Dave Stewart When Negro Draws Gun

### NEGRO WOMAN KILLED

Following the murder yesterday morning of Arie Perry, a negro woman, Dave Stewart, a negro charged with the crime was shot and instantly killed Sunday afternoon when he resisted arrest by Deputy Sheriff Jesse Reynolds. General Stewart, a brother to the dead negro, is in the county jail charged with the murder of the woman.

The shooting of the woman and the subsequent death of her alleged slayer occurred on the Sanderson place, seventeen miles from the city, on the Mobile road. The deputy shot in self-defense after the negro had torn the lining out of his coat in an attempt to draw his pistol. Stewart's brother, who is alleged to have assisted in the killing of the woman, was arrested without trouble.

The woman was found dead Sunday after being seen with the two accused men. Officers were given the information that the two brothers had forced her at the point of a pistol to go down the road with them, and wnen next seen she had been shot three times and stabbed in the face. A pistol of the caliber of the gun with which she was killed was pulled by the negro in his attempt to prevent arrest.

The officer came upon Dave Stewart in a card game, and the negro ignored his request to arise. After the officer called again the negro jumped up suddenly and pulled his pistol. The hammer of the weapon caught in the negro's coat lining and although the lining was torn out in the effort, the negro never managed to raise the gun before the officer had shot him through the throat.

Coroner Stokes will hold an inquest today.

## *MACON YOUTH STABBED TO DEATH BY NEGRO*

Macon, Ga., January 5.—(Special.)—William F. Barnhart, a 20-year-old collector for the circlation department of The Macon Telegraph, was stabbed to death by "Buddie" Faulk, a 15-year-old negro boy, in East Macon this afternoon, when the latter resented being paddled by Barnhart and several other white boys. The negro plunged his knife through Barnhart's heart and the latter's death came almost instantly. The negro then turned and ran, while two white men and several other boys made no effort to stop him.

Young Barnhart was the son of W. H. Barnhart, a former Macon policeman, now house detective for a Macon hotel. He had been with The Telegraph two years, and was always considered a peaceful and orderly young man. The sheriff has offered a reward of $50 for the arrest of the negro, who is expected to make his way to Jones or Twiggs county.

## *WHILE BRINGING ROBBERS TO JAIL, NEGRO KILLS ONE*

Dublin, Ga., November 4.—(Special.) Tom Brantley, a negro, was released today after being held for investigation of the killing of Allen Kelley last night.

Brantley caught Kelley and another negro just after they had robbed his house of all his clothing, and was marching them to jail here, about six miles distant. Just about two miles from town Kelley turned and fired a pistol at Brantley, who fired back, killing Kelley dead. Leaving the body in the road, he continued the march to the jail with the other negro, but was met a short distance away by a deputy, who took both in charge.

The investigation sustained Brantley's claim of self-defense.

## *Policeman's Condition Is Reported Serious; Negro Still at Large*

John H. Cook, the College Park policeman, who was seriously wounded by a negro armed with a shotgun, said to be Wayman Haygood, Monday night during an attempted arrest, was reported to be in a very serious condition last night.

Three of the negroes, who are said to have been with Haygood, have been arrested, but Haygood is still at liberty, although a posse of citizens and deputy sheriffs, with the aid of bloodhounds, trailed him Tuesday morning. The dogs lost the trail several miles from College Park in a swamp near Atlanta.

The Atlanta police kept on the alert for the negro Tuesday night, but at an early hour Wednesday morning had been unable to locate him.

## TWO ARE ARRESTED FOR DEATH OF NEGRO DOCTOR

Special to The Advertiser.

FLORENCE, ALA., July 6.—John Garrett and James and Virgil Granville are in jail here charged with the murder Saturday of Anthony Brannan at the home of Dr. H. A. Moody, near Bailey Springs. All the parties are negroes. It is said the negroes planed to kill Brannan and went together in search of him. He was shot in the mouth with a 44-calibre revolver by John Garrett.

## *NEGRO SHOEMAKER SHOT AND KILLED*

I. P. Dericott, negro shoemaker of 224 Auburn avenue, was shot and killed last night about midnight in front of a house at 28 Asberry alley, occupied by Minnie Tate, a negro woman. The Tate woman told the police that Dericott was in her home with John Mansley, another negro, and on leaving Mansley pulled his gun and shot down his companion. It is said that Mansley accused Dericott of being police informant against him. No arrests have been made.

## SAM TUCKER SHOOTS ED SMITH FIVE TIMES.

McAlester, Okla., June 10.—Mr. Sam Tucker shot Mr. Ed Smith five times Friday morning. He died Friday. Sam Tucker is in jail. The Mosaic sermon was preached at Bear Church Sunday by C. H. Roebuck, collection $17. Mr. W. B. Robison is here. Mr. Bill Stevens of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting his sister. Prof. G. W. Pettis is instructor of the Normal. Peter Crutchfield has returned home from school. Mr. LeRoy Layne is in Ardmore. Mrs. John Standberry returned home from Muskogee.

## *In Self-Defense*

### *Tift County Bailiff Kills Negro Criminal*

Tifton, Ga., June 24.—(Special.)—Floyd Hill, colored, was shot and instantly killed at a late hour last night while resisting arrest by Bailiff E. M. Ford, of the Ty Ty district. The killing was at Ty Ty, nine miles west of Tifton, on the Atlantic Coast Line.

Hill had a row at a negro church with another negro named Charlie Thomas, and shot Thomas over the eye with a revolver, but did not kill him. Hill was drunk and a warrant charging him with assault and attempt to murder was placed in Officer Ford's hands. When the officer and his brother, Clarence Ford, who had been deputized to arrest him, approached Hill he began cursing them and fired at them twice with his revolver. It was then that Hill was shot, one ball entering his forehead and the other his neck. It appears to have been a plain case of self-defense.

## *OFFICER IS SHOT WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ARREST NEGRO*

Valdosta, Ga., April 19.—(Special.)—Deputy Sheriff Dougal Hodge was shot in the arm and in turn shot and probably fatally wounded Richard McCrary, a negro, at Kinderlou this morning. The negro was wanted on a warrant for wife beating, and resisted arrest.

Deputy Hodges was accompanied by Policeman M. Dampier and Mr. Bullard, a turpentine operator, when he went to serve the warrant, and all three men were engaged in the fight put up by the negro.

McCrary snatched a pistol from Officer Dampier and shot the deputy sheriff, but a bullet from the deputy's pistol went through his body and stopped the fight before another shot could be fired.

It is thought the negro will die.

## *SLAYER OF WIFE TRIES TO BUTT OUT HIS BRAINS*

Rome, Ga., March 30.—(Special.)—Crazed by cocaine, Howard Richardson, a negro, slit the throat of his wife, Ellen, from ear to ear, and then fled. Bloodhounds were put on his trial and they chased up the Etowah river. As the pursuit closed in on him, he attempted to butt out his brains against the brick wall of a cemetery nearby. Finally he was capture and jailed.